

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CITY OF KEENE
1885.



KEENE:
SENTINEL PRINTING COMPANY, STEAM PRINTERS.
1886.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

TUESDAY, January 6, 1885.

The members elect of the City Government for the municipal year of 1885, having met for organization, agreeably to the provisions of the City Charter, the oath of office by law prescribed was administered to the Mayor elect, Hon. ALFRED T. BATCHELDER, by His Honor Mayor Kimball. After the roll call by the City Clerk, His Honor Mayor Batchelder administered the oath of office to the following members elect of the Boards of Aldermen and Council, to wit:

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

- Ward 1. DANIEL C. HOWARD.
- Ward 2. FRANKLIN H. FAY.
- Ward 3. SOLOMON F. MERRILL.
- Ward 4. CALEB T. BUFFUM.
- Ward 5. DELÖS C. BALL.

BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL.

CHARLES S. COBURN,
MARTIN V. B. CLARK,
HARRISON R. WARD,
JOHN GOULD,
SYLVESTER SPAULDING,
CHARLES R. NIMS,
ALBERT A. WOODWARD,
HENRY GIFFIN,
CHARLES WRIGHT, 2d,

JOSHUA D. STEVENS,
SAMUEL A. GEROULD, JR.,
HENRY M. NIMS,
PARKER C. BUTLER,
HENRY O. SPAULDING,
LESTER K. STILES.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. B. T. Smith, after which the Mayor delivered his inaugural address.

After the prayer and inaugural address Samuel Nims was elected City Clerk.

MAYOR BATCHELDER'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Councils:

The duties upon which you now enter, while they are not presumed to occupy so much of your time as to call you from your usual and ordinary avocations, are of moment and importance. Municipalities are clothed by Legislatures with important, extensive and diversified powers, which powers when the municipality takes the form of a City Government, are executed, in the main, by Councils chosen for that purpose by the popular vote of the legal voters of the municipality.

You as Councils are vested with the authority of making, amending, or repealing ordinances, which regulate the duties of the members of the City Government, the conduct of the citizens and the transaction of business so far as the same come within the scope of police regulations, of acquiring and disposing of property for the city, of making contracts, incurring liabilities, electing your own officers, executing the laws, and the more momentous power of causing to be levied and collected taxes, both general and special.

Thus as corporate agents you are brought in contact with the most important rights and interests of the individuals of the city. Your duties are two-fold, legislative and executive. In your legislative capacity you elect city officers, make, repeal and amend city ordinances and pass resolutions. In your executive capacity

you cause to be observed the ordinances and resolutions of the city government, and see that the various details of business pertaining to city offices are honestly, faithfully and intelligently transacted. In electing city officers you will pardon me for suggesting that you be guided and governed in your action solely by the desire to secure persons eminently qualified and fitted for the performance of the duties of the respective offices they are called upon to fill.

As you now enter upon your duties as Councils you will doubtless find it necessary to examine and acquaint yourselves with the ordinances passed by former boards, and from such examination you may find it advisable to make some slight changes in these ordinances as they now exist. The city ordinances have not been compiled since 1879, and in view of the fact that some changes in the same may be thought necessary I would recommend that a revision and compilation of the city ordinances be made.

In view of the irregularities which have recently come to light I would suggest that section five of general ordinances be so amended, as soon as practicable, as that all orders drawn on the City Treasurer be made payable to order instead of bearer, and that an additional ordinance be passed prohibiting the City Clerk from cashing orders drawn on the Treasurer when acting in the capacity of Clerk.

FINANCE.

The report of the Finance Committee indicates as favorable a condition of the finances of the city as could be expected. The water bonds are reduced to \$119,000.00, \$84,000.00 of which bonds bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent. and the remaining \$35,000.00 at the rate of 5 per cent. The present bonded indebtedness of the city is as follows :

Water bonds, 6 and 5 per cent.,	\$119,000
Railroad bonds, 4 per cent.,	160,000
Sewerage bonds, 4 per cent.,	70,000
Total,	<hr/> \$349,000

As active assets, the city owns, the water works, which yield a net income of \$3,250.00 more than the interest on the now outstanding bonds, and can safely be valued as a property of the value of the bonded indebtedness of the water works, \$119,000.00; the city hall property, yielding an income such as would indicate a value of at least \$35,000.00; bonds owned by the city, \$2,200.00; balance in the treasury, \$46,995.22; amount due from Tax Collector and water rates, from which should be realized at least \$14,000.00, making \$217,195.00, which sum, deducted from the total indebtedness of the city, leaves a balance to be provided for, *by taxation only*, of \$131,805.00.

I would suggest that it is desirable that a uniform rate of taxation from year to year be maintained, until a permanent reduction of the rate can be had, and as a means of bringing about such a result I would recommend that a liberal portion of the balance in the treasury be used to constitute a sinking fund, which fund should be increased or diminished, from year to year, according as the outstanding bonds mature. The water bonds mature as follows:

1885, July 1,	\$10,500	1892, January 1,	\$4,000
1887, January 1,	4,000	1892, July 1,	9,000
1887, July 1,	7,500	1893, July 1,	5,500
1888, July 1,	500	1896, October 1,	10,000
1889, January 1,	21,700	1899, January 1,	35,000
1890, July 1,	11,300		

1894, July 1, the first fifteen thousand dollars of the gratuity bonds, mature and those bonds then mature fifteen thousand dollars a year till the last payment, which is ten thousand dollars,

due July 1, 1904. The first of the sewerage bonds mature July 1, 1905, fifteen thousand dollars of the same coming due at that time, and they mature fifteen thousand dollars a year till 1909, when the last block of ten thousand dollars become due.

The fact that the water bonds mature at irregular times, and in uneven amounts, some years none of them maturing, while in other years large blocks mature, and the further fact that forty-five thousand dollars of them mature after the gratuity bonds commence coming due, necessitates an uneven rate of taxation to meet them, or a sinking fund, as suggested, or a re-issue of bonds. A re-issue is objectionable, in that the credit of the city is now pledged sufficiently far into the future. An uneven rate of taxation is objectionable, in that its fluctuations disturb business interests. A sinking fund sufficient to maintain a uniform rate of taxation could be established without any increase of the present rate of taxation, by taking a liberal portion of the present surplus and adding to that or drawing from it from year to year according as the water bonds mature. Such fund would not have to be increased to any considerable amount in any one year, because the net income from the water works, if used for no other purpose than to pay the interest and principal of the water bonds, on the basis of the net income for the last year, would of itself, by borrowing money at 5 per cent. on short time to aid in meeting the interest and principal on the water bonds, promptly retire all the water bond indebtedness on January 1, 1899, except \$44,000.00, \$35,000.00 of which then become due.

I ask your careful investigation of this matter as in my judgment it is one of the most important interests you will be called upon to consider. The report of the Finance Committee is full and complete, and will furnish you ready information on any point upon which you may desire to be informed.

SEWERAGE.

Our sewerage system has now been well tested, and it appears

to accomplish all that its most ardent advocates hoped for it, and there appears to be nothing for you to do in connection with this department unless some slight additions are needed, other than to see that the works are kept in proper repair and that connections with the same be made so far as possible, and that the use of drains formerly used for sewerage purposes be entirely abandoned.

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS.

In this department is the largest expenditure of funds that comes directly under your supervision, and our highways and streets should be kept under the direct supervision of one who is skilled in the matter of constructing and repairing highways and streets. Our streets and highways are now in good condition, and it is desirable that they have such attention as that they may be kept in as good condition as they now are. By a careful and constant expenditure of money upon them they can be kept in first-class condition at the least possible expense from year to year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

* In this department many improvements have been made recently, and it appears now to be in good condition, and ample to meet the requirements of the city, as a protection against fire. Some slight expenditures may be necessary in the way of hose and hose carriages, and I would recommend a careful examination of the department in that particular, and if it is found wanting in such minor supplies, that it be furnished with what it reasonably needs.

POLICE.

The police system appears now to be satisfactory so far as its organization is concerned. Under that department I would recommend that it be so conducted that a more strict enforcement of the ordinance relating to saloons be secured, and that persons

arrested for petty offences be more generally taken before the police court, and tried, than they have been in the past, with a view, that by so doing the number of arrests may be greatly diminished. Such change can easily be made, as the House of Correction will soon be open, which will save taking to the County Farm those who do not pay when fined.

WATER WORKS.

The report of the Superintendent of this department shows it to be in a prosperous condition. The connections have increased fifty within the past year, making now 1050 connected with the system. The net earnings for last year were \$10,039.84, being an increase of \$1139.28 over the net earnings for the year 1883. In connection with this department there is an important question for you to consider, that of additional water supply. On this matter you have before you the extensive, full, and intelligent report of the special committee on that subject, and I would suggest that you consider this report carefully, and that you seek such other information as you may desire, and determine whether or not in your judgment the present supply is sufficient to give the city at all times a sufficient amount of water. If you should find upon investigation that the present supply is ample, that would end your duties in relation to this matter. If, however, you find that the present system will not furnish an ample supply, you will then have a further duty to perform (for I take it you will all agree that under our present aqueduct and sewerage system a sufficient amount of water should be made certain), and if it should appear to you that such is not now the case, then I would recommend that you investigate the different schemes for increasing the water supply, and that you adopt and carry out such plans for increasing the same as will make, when added to our present system, an abundant and permanent supply for the least possible expense.

Should you find it necessary to incur any considerable expense in increasing the water supply, I would recommend that such expense be met fully, by drawing a portion of the present surplus in the treasury, and by borrowing money to be paid in 1886, when none of the water bonds mature, and if more funds be needed than could be reasonably taken from the surplus and borrowed to be paid in 1886, then such further sum as would be required should be borrowed to be paid in 1888, when only five hundred dollars of the water bonds become due; and that no part of the expense thus incurred be allowed to go unpaid beyond 1888.

THE POOR.

In this department the city, taking into consideration the number of its inhabitants, does not seem to be heavily burdened. Your duties in relation to that department are regulated by statute, and about the only thing which is not governed by statute in this department is the selection of an overseer. For Overseer of the Poor to take charge of this department you will no doubt, without any suggestions, elect an intelligent, humane, and economical business man.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Your duties in this department are regulated by the city ordinances, and it is a department of such interest that no doubt the desire of all will be to furnish it such aid and assistance as the city ordinances permit.

WOODLAND CEMETERY.

The Superintendent makes a full report, showing the receipts and disbursements relating to this department, and I would only call your attention to the unimproved grounds now owned for cemetery purposes, and suggest that such improvements be made as the present demands appear to warrant.

STREET LIGHTS.

In this department I would not suggest any change, other than that the gas and lamps be lighted whenever it is dark by reason of cloudiness, regardless of the condition of the moon.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

The report of the Tax Collector indicates that he has performed his duties diligently and faithfully, as on the 18th of December, 1884, there remained uncollected only \$12,973.83 of the taxes for that year. Of the taxes of 1883 there remained only \$700.00 uncollected.

CONCLUSION.

The various reports and all the means of information which have been furnished me through the kindness of my worthy predecessor are now open to you, and you will find it necessary to examine them and to seek information from them. You will doubtless notice, in your examination, matters of importance which have escaped my attention, and upon which it will be advisable for you to act.

Having called your attention to matters which to me appeared most important, I will only add that I trust we shall act together in harmony, each of us expressing his honest opinion in relation to the matters upon which we are called upon to act; and that we all in the performance of our duties will be guided and governed by a desire to administer the government of the city intelligently, prudently, fairly and economically during the period for which we have been elected.

KEENE CITY GOVERNMENT.

1885.

MAYOR.

ALFRED T. BATCHELDER.

City Clerk, SAMUEL NIMS.

ALDERMEN.

WARD 1. Daniel C. Howard.

WARD 2. Franklin H. Fay.

WARD 3. Solomon F. Merrill.

WARD 4. Caleb T. Buffum.

WARD 5. DeLos C. Ball.

COMMON COUNCILMEN.

CHARLES S. COBURN, President.

WARD 1. Charles S. Coburn, Martin V. B. Clark, Harrison R. Ward.

WARD 2. John Gould, Sylvester Spaulding, Charles R. Nims,* George K. Wright.†

* Deceased May 3, 1885.

† Elected June 27, 1885, to fill vacancy.

WARD 3. Albert A. Woodward, Henry Giffin, Charles Wright, 2d.

WARD 4. Joshua D. Stevens, Samuel A. Gerould, Jr., Henry M. Nims.

WARD 5. Parker C. Butler, Henry O. Spaulding, Lester K. Stiles.

James E. Parmenter, Clerk.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance.—The Mayor, Alderman Buffum, Councilmen John Gould and S. Spaulding.

Lands and Buildings.—Alderman Fay, Councilmen S. A. Gerould, Jr., and P. C. Butler.

Bridges.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen H. M. Nims and L. K. Stiles.

Streets, Sewers and Drains.—Alderman Howard, Councilmen H. Giffin and C. R. Nims.

Burying Grounds.—Alderman Merrill, Councilmen H. R. Ward and C. R. Nims.

Fire Department.—Alderman Howard, Councilmen P. C. Butler and Charles Wright, 2d.

Lamps and Lamp Posts.—Alderman Merrill, Councilmen S. Spaulding and J. D. Stevens.

Water Works.—Alderman Howard, Councilmen H. Giffin and John Gould.

Printing.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen M. V. B. Clark and J. D. Stevens.

Schools.—Alderman Merrill, Councilmen H. O. Spaulding and S. A. Gerould, Jr.

Claims.—Alderman Buffum, Councilmen A. A. Woodward and M. V. B. Clark.

Engrossed Bills.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen A. A. Woodward and H. M. Nims.

Public Library.—Alderman Fay, Councilmen H. R. Ward and Charles Wright, 2d.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Aldermen Merrill, Fay and Ball.

Licenses.—Aldermen Merrill, Ball and Fay.

Simmons and Ministerial Funds.—Aldermen Howard, Ball and Fay.

Police.—Aldermen Merrill, Ball and Fay.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Councilmen M. V. B. Clark, L. K. Stiles, Charles R. Nims.

Elections.—Councilmen S. A. Gerould, Jr., H. O. Spaulding, H. R. Ward.

City Hall.—The Mayor, Councilman John Gould and City Messenger E. O. Keith.

AUDITOR.

Charles H. Hersey.

CITY SOLICITOR.

John T. Abbott.

CITY TREASURER.

Henry O. Coolidge.

CITY MARSHAL.

Edwin R. Locke.

CONSTABLES.

E. O. Keith and Edwin R. Locke.

CITY OF KEENE.

CITY MESSENGER.

Edwin O. Keith.

POLICE JUSTICE.

Edward Farrar.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

Gardner C. Hill.

SEXTON.

Henry Purcell.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS AND SEWERS.

Daniel H. Sawyer.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Norris G. Gurnsey, John Humphrey, Edwin S. Foster.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS.

Elmer A. Nims.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Gardner C. Hill.

LIBRARIAN.

Mrs. Lizzie M. Converse.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

Miss Zeolide B. Gilmore.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

D. W. Gilbert,

C. H. Hersey,

W. P. Chamberlain,

Mrs. E. J. C. Gilbert,

Miss Kate I. Tilden,

Mrs. M. R. Osborne.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES.

Henry Purcell.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

William L. Davis.

HEALTH COMMISSIONERS.

Clark F. Rowell, G. H. Bridgman, M. D.,
Don H. Woodward.

ASSESSORS.

Sylvanus A. Morse, Daniel A. Brown, Daniel R. Cole.

COLLECTOR.

Samuel O. Gates.

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

George D. Wheelock.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.

J. A. Batchelder, Wm. H. Reyoum,
Henry H. Barker, C. L. Kingsbury,
 Henry W. Harvey.

POLICE OFFICERS.

Wm. H. Reyoun,	Joseph H. Spofford,
Edwin O. Keith,	Frank C. Hardy,
W. C. Fassett,	Charles Wright,
Fred H. Wilson,	Charles K. Pemberton,
Ira D. Gates,	Elmer E. Dean,
Henry H. Haynes,	Luther H. Starkey,
James R. Livermore,	Henry M. Darling,
Amasa Plastridge,	George H. Kellogg,
J. W. Cummings,	James G. Harvey,
Geo. D. Wheelock,	Ralph J. Holt.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD.

C. K. Pemberton,	S. L. Bartlett,
M. A. Stowell,	G. H. Follansbee,
C. A. Mason,	Mortimer Reardon,
Z. K. Graves,	Eugene Seaver,
H. C. Fairbanks,	S. H. Holman,
John B. Fisher,	T. H. Bolio,
	E. R. Gerould.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

C. K. Pemberton,	J. Wilson,
M. A. Stowell,	D. C. Thompson,
C. A. Mason,	M. E. Buckminster,
S. H. Holman,	O. C. Mansfield,
H. R. Ward,	Henry N. Stone.

WEIGHERS.

H. P. Muchmore,	H. A. Woodward,
F. E. Foster,	George Giffin,
L. W. Hammond,	Luther P. Alden,
	George E. Fuller.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Charles H. Whitney.

WARD OFFICERS.

MODERATORS.

Ward 1. James Marsh.	Ward 3. Geo. E. Whitney.
Ward 2. Chas. G. Farrar.	Ward 4. Zebina G. Graves.
Ward 5. Fred L. Pitcher.	

SELECTMEN.

- Ward 1. Charles W. Buckminster, Richard W. Ward, Herbert A. Davis.
Ward 2. Liberty W. Foskett, Geo. C. Wood, Carlos L. Seavey.
Ward 3. Albert W. Green, Fred W. Chase, Albert Wright.
Ward 4. Oscar H. Fay, Theodore H. Bolio, Myron C. Ellis.
Ward 5. Calvin H. Ellis, Charles H. Butler, John Driscoll.
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WARD CLERKS.

- Ward 1. Ainsworth M. Nims. Ward 3. Hosea Foster.
Ward 2. Geo. E. Poole. Ward 4. Michael L. Landers.
Ward 5. Frank E. Wheelock.
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SUPERVISORS.

- Ward 1. Henry H. Beckwith. Ward 3. John T. Abbott.
Ward 2. William E. Burdett. Ward 4. Daniel A. Brown.
Ward 5. James H. Smith.

ORDINANCES AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Passed by the City Councils in 1885.

CITY OF KEENE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND EIGHTY-FIVE.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to salary of engineers, etc.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the salary of the engineer, assistant engineer, fireman and steward of the Steamer company for the year commencing October 1, 1884, be as follows in addition to their regular pay as firemen: Engineer, \$60; assistant engineer, \$25; fireman, \$10; steward, \$25; as recommended by the committee to whom the same was referred.

Passed December 18, 1884.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to regular meetings.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the City Councils meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7.30 o'clock p. m. for general business.

Passed January 6, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the compilation of the ordinances.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That a committee to be composed of one Alderman and two Councilmen be appointed with the Mayor to revise and compile the existing ordinances and resolutions of the city, and report at a subsequent meeting.

Passed January 15, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the establishment of a sinking fund.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the Treasurer be and hereby is instructed, from the funds now in the treasury and not otherwise appropriated, to deposit in the name of "the Treasurer of the City of Keene" the sum of ten thousand dollars in the Cheshire Provident Institution, and the sum of ten thousand dollars in the Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, which sums so deposited shall constitute the basis of a sinking fund and shall be added to or drawn from according as the outstanding indebtedness of the city matures, but the same shall not at any time be so reduced that with the accumulations thereon, it shall be insufficient to pay the \$35,000 of 5 per cent. water bonds maturing in 1899.

Passed January 15, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the ministerial fund.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to draw from funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of thirty-one hundred and ninety dollars, the same being the amount of the ministerial fund now in the treasury of said Keene, and to deposit the same in the Cheshire Provident Institution and the Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, one half of the same in each of said Institutions, in the name of the Treasurer of the City of

Keene; the same there to remain to meet the demands on said fund, until said fund shall be otherwise invested.

Passed February 5, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relative to annual appropriations.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee, the following sums of money be raised by taxation and appropriated as follows, to wit:

For ordinary city charges,	\$6,000 00
City paupers,	1,650 00
Highways and bridges,	7,000 00
Fire department,	2,000 00
Police,	1,600 00
Lighting streets,	1,800 00
Public library,	500 00
Public library support,	500 00
Public sewers (new),	500 00
Memorial Day,	175 00
In part for interest on sewers and gratuity bonds,	8,275 00

\$30,000 00

Passed February 19, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to purchase of rubber hose and coats.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Department be authorized to purchase 500 feet of rubber hose and 12 rubber coats for the use of the fire department, the same to be paid for from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed March 5, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relative to uniforms for Steamer Co.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be paid to the Steamer fire company in payment for their new uniforms, the same to be owned by the city, and the sum of twenty dollars to be paid to the Steamer fire company for chairs to furnish their hall ; also twenty dollars be paid the Hook and Ladder company for the purpose of purchasing chairs to furnish hall. To be paid for out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed March 20, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relative to repairing hook and ladder carriage.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the Committee on Fire Department be authorized to put their truck in suitable condition to accommodate the long ladders now in use ; the same to be paid for out of the appropriation for fire department.

Passed March 20, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relative to furnishing driver's room.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the Committee on Fire Department be authorized to furnish the driver's room in the new Steamer house building, suitable for the accommodation of the manager of the steamer horses ; and the same to be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Passed March 20, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relative to renting City Hall.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the City Messenger be instructed to allow Denman Thompson the use of City Hall, April 11, 1885, free of rent on condition that the Invalids' Home have the avails of the sale of tickets for such entertainment.

Passed March 20, 1885.

AN ORDINANCE relative to compilation of the ordinances.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the ordinances as compiled and revised by the committee be adopted.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to repairing Deluge and Hook and Ladder houses.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lands and Buildings be authorized to make such repairs at the Deluge and Hook and Ladder houses as they may deem necessary, said repairs not to exceed the cost of \$75, the same to be paid for from any fund in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed April 2, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to fire-proof vault.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That a joint special committee consisting of one Alderman and two Councilmen be appointed and authorized to construct a fire-proof vault within the limits of the room next south and adjoining the City Clerk's office, the same to be used for the safe keeping of the books, records and papers belonging to the city, and that the necessary expense of constructing said vault be paid for out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed April 2, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to an electrical fire alarm.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Department, together with the Mayor, be authorized to arrange and contract for the construction of an electrical fire alarm circuit in this city, substantially upon the plan submitted to the Councils, provided that satisfactory arrangements can be made by them with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for properly supporting said fire alarm wires upon said telephone company's poles throughout the city, and provided that said committee obtain from the manufacturer of the alarm boxes and strikers used on said fire alarm, a bond, satisfactory to the Mayor, to save the city harmless from all liabilities which may arise from any patent suits which may be brought against the city for using such apparatus or any part thereof, and that said apparatus be reasonably warranted as to good and workmanlike construction; and the sum of six hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the construction of said fire alarm from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed April 16, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the protection of trout in Beaver Brook.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

It shall not be lawful for any person to catch, take, kill or destroy any trout in that part of Beaver brook in the city of Keene, for a period of three (3) years from the passage of this joint resolution; said resolution being passed for the purpose of stocking the same with trout; and any violation of this prohibition by any person, shall be prosecuted by the wardens, and if proved to the satisfaction of the magistrate, shall be punished as provided in chapter 176, section 8 of the General Laws of the State.

Passed May 7, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the bondsmen of L. C. Doolittle.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the City Solicitor, together with the Committee on Finance, be and are hereby authorized and instructed to arrange for settlement by compromise the several suits now pending in the Supreme Court, in favor of the city of Keene against Alexander H. Grimes, William P. Chamberlain, Samuel O. Gates, Amos B. Heywood, John B. Fisher, Gardner C. Hill and Daniel H. Sawyer, bondsmen of Lucius C. Doolittle, late City Clerk of said city of Keene; provided, however, the above named bondsmen consent that judgment may be entered up in each of said cases.

Passed May 7, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the sale of wood and timber on the "ministerial lot."

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That a committee be appointed, consisting of two Aldermen and three Councilmen, to advertise and sell by auction such portions of the wood and timber situated on the "ministerial lot" as in their judgment will be for the good of said lot.

Passed May 21, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the purchase of a pair of horses.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Department be authorized to purchase for service for the city a pair of horses, and a pair of harnesses, and other outfit necessary for such work as the city may deem proper, and that the same be paid for out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed May 21, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to school money.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the money by law assessed in the city of Keene for the support of schools the present year, and the portion of literary fund assigned to the city be apportioned among the school districts as follows, to wit : Seventy-five dollars to be assigned to the several districts for each school therein, and the remainder to be apportioned according to the number of scholars in each district respectively.

Passed June 4, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to salaries of the Board of Education.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to each member of the Board of Education for services for the year ending March 1, 1885, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed June 4, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to increase of committee for purchasing horses for the city.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That there be added to the committee on purchase of horses for the city, etc., an addition of one member from each board of the Councils.

Passed June 4, 1885.

AN ORDINANCE relating to the pay of Stewards.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the salary of the Stewards of Deluge and Phoenix hose companies be twenty dollars, and that of the Hook and Ladder

company be fifteen dollars per year. This ordinance to take effect from April 1, 1885, and that the Stewards shall not have any further compensation for any extra labor.

Passed June 18, 1885.

AN ORDINANCE relating to the salary of City Physician.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That section 23 of chapter XXXI of the City Ordinances be and hereby is amended by striking out the words "two hundred" and inserting in the place thereof the word "fifty," so that the same when amended shall read as follows: The City Physician shall receive in full for his services fifty dollars per year, payable in equal quarterly payments.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to iron fence around soldiers' monument.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That a sum of money, which, taken in connection with the amount now in the hands of the monument committee, not to exceed seventy-five dollars, be and hereby is appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to erect an iron fence around the soldiers' monument, thereby completing the original work, and as a protection against loungers.

Passed June 18, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to conveyance of wood and timber on "ministerial lot."

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the Joint Special Committee appointed to advertise and sell by auction the wood and timber situated on the "ministerial lot" be and are hereby authorized to convey the said wood and

timber by sufficient deed to George H. Nims, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon by the parties.

Passed June 18, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to adjournment.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That when this body adjourn it be to meet the first Thursday in September next.

Passed June 18, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to vaccination.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That two agents for vaccination be appointed who shall provide themselves with suitable matter for communicating kine pox, who shall attend to their duties under section 1 of chapter 112 of General Laws, and that the fee for vaccinating shall be thirty-five cents in each case, including material furnished.

Passed September 15, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to pest house.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the Board of Health be and hereby are authorized to expend a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars to provide a pest house in case there is occasion for such house, to be paid by the City Treasurer out of funds not otherwise appropriated.

Passed September 15, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to shut-off nozzles and shafts and seats for hose carriages.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Department be and hereby are authorized to purchase for the use of the fire department, four shut-off nozzles, also to have made a pair of shafts and seats for the each of the hose companies, to be paid for from the appropriation for fire department.

Passed September 15, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to changing the fire striker.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Department is hereby authorized to change the location of the proposed fire alarm striker from the bell on St. James church, as specified in the contract between said city and the New England Telegraph and Telephone Company, to the bell on the Second Congregational church, if in their judgment such change is practicable and desirable; and said committee is authorized to cause a necessary flooring to be built to place said striker on and to incur other necessary expenses to procure said change of location not to exceed twenty-five dollars.

Passed September 15, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to city liquors.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the City Clerk be and hereby is authorized and instructed to put into shape for sale and sell to the person or persons paying the highest cash price, all the spirituous liquors now stored in the cellar under the Council room in City Hall, and the money accruing therefrom deposited with the City Treasurer.

Passed September 23, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the extension of steamer house.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That a committee of five, consisting of two Aldermen and three Councilmen be appointed and authorized to build such extension to the steamer house, and a shed for storage as they in their judgment may deem best suited to the wants of the city, and that the sum of \$2200 be taken from any fund in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the necessary expense and that the sum expended shall not exceed said sum of \$2200.

Passed September 23, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to keys for fire alarm boxes.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the committee on electric fire alarm be and are hereby authorized to procure suitable boxes for the keys of each fire alarm box and cause the same to be placed in some convenient place near the box where they can be easily got at, and the expense of the same to be paid for from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed October 1, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to Beech hill watering trough.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the Superintendent of Highways be and hereby is authorized and instructed to pipe the watering trough, foot of Roxbury street, to allow the waste water to pass into the sewer pipe at some convenient point.

Passed October 1, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the improvement of our streets and sidewalks.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That it is deemed expedient and for the best interests of our city to introduce and provide a system of improvement for our streets, and for this purpose it is further resolved that a special committee be appointed consisting of one Alderman and two Councilmen who shall be authorized and are hereby instructed to employ a competent civil engineer whose duty it shall be to establish a regular and permanent grade for the several streets leading from the public square, including said square, comprising Main street as far as E. F. Lane's residence, West street as far as Faulkner & Colony's mill, Court street as far north as the Invalids' Home, Washington street as far as the jail, and Roxbury street to the foot of Beech hill, also to establish a regular grade for the sidewalks along either side of such streets, and the Superintendent of Highways is hereby directed to perform the work of changing the grade in conformity with the limits established by the engineer and to employ whatever force of help that may be required to proceed with the work as fast as practicable until its completion. To defray the expense incurred by the employment of an engineer and performing the labor attending this important work of improvement, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the city treasury.

Passed October 20, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relative to extension of time of lighting street lights.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

The Committee on Lamps and Lamp Posts be hereby authorized to negotiate for the modification of the contract with the Gas Light Company so far as may be sufficient to secure upon reasonable terms the burning of gas in the street lamps until 11 o'clock p. m.

Passed November 5, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to reward for the capture of the person or persons who stole the horses of T. T. Russell.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the city of Keene offer and does hereby offer a reward of three hundred dollars (\$300) to be paid to such person or persons as shall cause to be arrested and convicted, the person or persons who stole the horses of Thomas T. Russell of said Keene, said sum to be paid immediately after conviction of such person or persons.

Passed November 14, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to appropriations, additional.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That additional appropriations be made for the support of highways, city paupers, police and fire department as follows, to wit :

For highways and bridges,	\$500 00
City paupers,	1,600 00
Police,	400 00
Fire department,	1,200 00

Passed December 3, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the sinking fund.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the City Treasurer be and hereby is directed to deposit equally in the Cheshire Provident Institution and the Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, the proceeds of sale of New Hampshire State bonds, for the credit of the water loan sinking fund of the city.

Passed December 17, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the ministerial fund.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the City Treasurer be directed to deposit in the Cheshire Provident Institution and the Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, in equal amounts, to the credit of the ministerial fund, the avails of note of Geo. H. Nims given for timber sold from the "ministerial lot," as the several payments become due and are paid.

Passed December 17, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to additional appropriation for the fire department.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed December 17, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION offering a reward.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That a reward of fifty dollars be and hereby is offered by the city for the detection and conviction of the person or persons who broke open the electric fire alarm boxes and sounded the recent false alarm of fire ; and that a reward in the same sum is hereby offered for the detection and conviction of any person or persons who shall, in the future, maliciously interfere or tamper with said electric fire alarm wires, boxes or other apparatus, or who shall intentionally ring in any false alarm of fire.

Passed December 17, 1885.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to soldiers' monument.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That a sum not to exceed seven dollars be and hereby is appropriated to be expended in cleaning the soldiers' monument in said Keene, the same to be paid out under the direction of the Committee on Monument and to be paid out of the city treasury from funds not otherwise appropriated.

Passed December 18, 1885.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following statement of all receipts and expenditures from December 1, 1884, to December 1, 1885, together with a schedule of property, real and personal, belonging to the city, and the value thereof, and the amount of the city debts.

EXPENDITURES.

CITY OFFICERS AND ORDINARY CITY CHARGES.

A. T. Batchelder, salary as Mayor,	\$150 00
H. Kimball, balance salary as Mayor,	50 00
Samuel Nims, salary as Clerk,	458 31
E. O. Keith, salary as Messenger,	400 00
J. E. Parmenter, salary as Clerk of Council,	50 00
John T. Abbott, salary as City Solicitor,	50 00
John T. Abbott, salary as Supervisor, '83-'84,	10 00
John T. Abbott, salary as Supervisor, '85,	2 50
L. C. Doolittle, balance of salary and fees,	144 50
Daniel A. Brown, salary as Assessor,	140 00
S. A. Morse, " " "	140 00
D. R. Cole, " " " in part,	110 00
L. P. Alden, salary as Collector, 1884,	350 00
L. P. Alden, balance of salary as Assessor, 1884,	30 00

Henry Purcell, salary as Supt. Cemeteries, 1884,	\$50 00
Henry Purcell, salary as Supt. Cemeteries, six months, 1885.	25 00
C. F. Rowell, salary as Health Officer,	20 00
D. H. Woodward, " " "	20 00
G. H. Bridgman, " " "	20 00
J. R. Beal, salary as Treasurer,	50 00
G. C. Hill, salary as Supt. of Schools,	50 00
C. H. Hersey, salary as Auditor, in part,	50 00
Samuel Nims, salary as Supervisor, 1884,	7 50
" " " " 1885,	5 00
James H. Smith, salary as Supervisor, 1885,	2 50
" " " " 1884,	7 50
George Kingsbury, salary as Supervisor, 1884,	7 50
H. H. Beckwith, " " " "	7 50
Charles W. Buckminster, salary as Selectman,	5 00
L. W. Foskett, " " "	5 00
James Hayes, " " "	5 00
H. E. Fay, " " "	5 00
H. H. Haines, " " "	5 00
G. C. Wood, " " "	5 00
Albert Wright, " " "	5 00
A. W. Green, " " "	5 00
H. M. Nims, " " "	5 00
O. H. Fay, " " "	5 00
T. H. Bolio, " " "	5 00
F. L. Pitcher, " " "	5 00
Calvin Ellis, " " "	5 00
C. A. Hatch, " " "	5 00
James Marsh, salary as Moderator,	2 00
W. B. Fitch, " " "	2 00
W. H. Spalter, " " "	2 00
Z. K. Graves, " " "	2 00
S. A. Morse, " " "	2 00
A. M. Nims, salary as Ward Clerk and records,	7 00
C. G. Farrar, " " "	7 00
D. C. Fogg, " " "	7 00
M. L. Landers, " " "	7 00

W. H. Ellis, salary as Ward Clerk and records,	\$7 00
Edward Farrar, salary as Justice, 1884,	50 00
E. O. Keith, salary as City Clerk, ad interim,	20 00
John T. Abbott, fees,	159 75
Keene National Bank, lithograph drafts,	36 50
Paid express on cancelled coupons,	65
H. D. Bradbury, services as expert,	125 90
G. H. Aldrich & Son, insurance on City Hall,	62 50
George Tilden, insurance on City Hall,	62 50
Darling & Kimball, printing annual reports,	146 30
Darling & Kimball, printing for Assessors,	2 00
Darling & Kimball, printing blanks for Assessors,	12 25
J. D. Colony & Sons, printing and advertising,	53 10
Knowlton & Stone, hardware for City Hall building,	32 62
W. W. Nye, bounty on woodchucks,	20
S. O. Gates, witness fees, etc.,	147 78
D. H. Woodward, counsel fees in Langdon case,	6 24
Henry Giffin, coal for City Hall,	300 85
Cheshire Railroad, rent of ground for hose houses,	30 00
Cheshire Railroad, freight on settees,	3 48
A. H. Grimes, brooms, soap and matches,	2 43
Reuben Ray, sharpening tools,	50
T. N. Wood, care of Ward room,	4 50
Kirk & Sewall, pipe and labor for hall,	4 85
R. M. Smith Mfg Co., stamp "or order,"	50
G. H. Tilden & Co., paper, pens, books and paper,	67 83
W. U. Telegraph Co., messages,	77
Blake & Mason, 4 Directories,	6 00
F. A. White, work on City Hall,	20 14
A. L. Harkness, painting sanitary closets, etc.,	5 63
H. W. Hubbard, wicking and safe key,	75
Keene Water Works, water for City Hall building,	41 60

E. W. Abbott, care of Ward room,	\$4 50
F. W. Towne, care of Ward room,	3 00
Nims, Whitney & Co., material and labor for hall,	41 43
Anna F. Leach, over-paid tax,	9 14
Ashuelot Fire Insurance Co., over-paid tax,	6 07
E. O. Keith, labor and material on City Hall for sewer,	255 29
E. O. Keith, witness fees,	77
E. O. Keith, stamps, etc.,	5 00
F. E. Keyes, pitcher,	34
Geo. H. Kellogg, witness fees,	13 86
Asa Smith, 500 envelopes, stamped,	11 20
Patrick O'Connor, injuries sustained,	100 00
W. S. Briggs, Assistant Assessor,	53 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., envelopes, book and paper, etc.,	35 71
William March, use of Ward room,	10 00
C. C. Buffum, examining records,	1 00
W. L. Davis, taking affidavits,	4 00
E. S. Foster, repairing awning on City Hall,	7 36
Sentinel Printing Company, printing school reports, blanks, etc., and advertising, 1884,	203 00
Sentinel Printing Company, printing school reports, revised city ordinances, blanks, etc., and advertising, 1885,	407 15
Keene Gas Light Co., gas furnished City Hall building,	328 20
Samuel Nims, postage stamps, twine and sundries furnished,	5 92
Samuel Nims, affidavits, license fees, etc.,	11 30
Samuel Nims, recording taxes,	45 00
Samuel Nims, record of births, deaths and marriages,	52 25
Samuel Nims, paid bounty on woodchucks,	15 60
Harkness & Keith, work on City Hall,	11 85
Mrs. M. Hynes, cleaning room in hall,	1 50
L. C. Doolittle, stamps and postal cards,	3 12

New England Telephone Co., use of telephone,	\$41 15	
F. W. Cheney, engrossing water supply bill,	1 15	
E. R. Locke, fees in criminal cases,	66 25	
Solon A. Carter, examining records,	2 00	
Bullard & Foster, sanitary chemicals,	8 50	
L. C. Horton, painting iron fence around park,	5 00	
J. W. Cummings, work on City Hall stage,	32 40	
J. W. Cummings, witness fees,	1 54	
G. F. Little, work on City Hall stage,	15 50	
H. S. Martin, salary for Board of Education,	135 00	
Cheshire County, rent of rooms for elections and courts,	50 00	
Edward Farrar, trial fees,	45 50	
Jonathan Hall, running school district lines,	6 00	
Wadsworth & Wright, repairing clock,	75	
Hosea Foster, examining records,	3 00	
S. L. Randall, feather dusters,	4 00	
New England Observer, printing blanks and advertising,	24 50	
Boston & Keene Express Co., express,	40	
Paid physicians for return of births, deaths and marriages,	58 00	
M. D. Jones & Co., settees for common,	39 00	
Total,		\$6,119 13
Balance in treasury Dec. 1, 1884,	\$2,945 74	
Appropriated, 1885,	6,000 00	
	\$8,945 74	
Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1885,	\$2,826 61	

CITY PAUPERS.

W. L. Davis, salary for 9 months,	\$93 75
“ affidavits, etc.,	6 40
New Hampshire Asylum, care of insane,	1,024 73
State Industrial School, care of Langdon boy,	78 00
Contingent fund, for railroad fares, etc.,	27 66

S. O. Gates,	\$1 05
S. M. Dinsmoor, salary three months,	12 50
L. C. Doolittle, balance of salary and affidavits,	39 25
L. F. Buffum, care of E. Ballou, 1 year,	446 00
Worden, Jones & Co., medicine for John Bar-	
net,	6 64
W. S. Leonard, attendance John Barnet,	8 25
W. B. Fitch & Co., wood furnished,	47 31
G. G. Elwell, wood furnished,	38 42
Town of Roxbury, care of Franklin Fairbanks,	80 77
Geo. H. Harvey, wood furnished,	9 00
John Durand, sawing wood,	1 50
A. W. Baker, shoes furnished,	6 50
E. R. Locke, services in Cross case,	15 00
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	9 00
G. C. Hill, salary 9 months,	37 50
L. B. Page, drawing wood,	3 00
Henry Purcell, burying Kate Tyler,	5 00
Joseph Chase, adm'r, received for Mrs. W.	
Kingsbury,	28 00
Laton Martin, teams at funeral of Mr. Palmer,	5 00
Bullard & Foster, medicine furnished,	1 30
M. Armstrong, rent of house to Mrs. Graves,	42 00
Mrs. D. B. Stearns, care of Mrs. Howard,	36 71
Dennis Callahan, milk for Jerry Donovan, 2d,	4 92
A. H. Hamblet, milk furnished,	93
Dr. Twitchell, amputating thigh for George	
Casey,	74 00
Peter McNamara, sawing wood,	1 50
Mrs. W. Kingsbury, care of Kate Tyler,	59 79
Charles Bridgman, groceries, etc., furnished,	33 24
John B. Fisher, shoes furnished,	19 40
Wm. G. Hall, goods furnished,	7 40
P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	46 00
F. H. Wright, shoes furnished,	15 25
C. M. Cummings & Son, shoes furnished,	3 00
Woodbury & Howard, coffin furnished,	10 00
J. R. Beal & Co., clothes furnished,	5 00

W. P. Chamberlain, goods furnished,	\$2 00
Joe Castroe, care of Geo. Casey,	24 75
A. H. Grimes, groceries furnished,	59 50
F. O. Nims, meat furnished,	1 50
G. H. Tilden, books for poor children,	49 93
W. H. Spalter & Co., books for poor children,	31 84
Davis, Wright & Co., wood furnished paupers,	7 47
J. P. Bierne, groceries furnished,	5 00
Boston Branch Grocery, groceries furnished,	32 00
John Barnet, care of self,	100 00
Earl Evans, medical attendance for Mrs. Ballou,	8 00
C. A. Grimes, care of Mrs. A. Howard,	45 40
M. V. B. Clark, groceries furnished,	56 00
G. E. Holbrook & Co., groceries furnished,	55 88
D. J. Moulton, groceries furnished,	23 63
F. E. Keyes, groceries furnished,	59 00
G. H. Bridgman, surgical services for D. O'Brien,	15 00
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	\$2,971 63
Amount left over from 1884,	\$149 56
Amount appropriated, 1885,	3,250 00
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	\$3,399 76
Amount now in treasury,	\$428 13

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	\$39 48
James P. Bierne, groceries furnished,	7 90
M. V. B. Clark, groceries furnished,	176 13
Boston Branch Grocery, groceries furnished,	104 50
D. J. Moulton, groceries furnished,	64 55
G. E. Holbrook & Co., groceries furnished,	162 46
Charles Bridgman, groceries furnished,	50 25
A. H. Grimes, groceries furnished,	128 50
J. B. Fisher, shoes furnished,	26 40
F. H. Wright, shoes furnished,	20 65
Addie E. Grow, care of S. E. Jedro,	39 88

Amos Chandler, care of Mrs. Hornberger,	\$22 34
Cheshire Railroad, rent of house,	33 75
F. E. Keyes, groceries furnished,	151 17
W. B. Fitch & Co., wood furnished,	253 52
G. G. Elwell, wood furnished,	117 38
J. B. Abbott, conveying Mrs. Hornberger and children to county farm,	6 00
C. M. Cummings & Son, shoes furnished,	9 10
A. J. Aldrich, food furnished,	51
Lanmon Nims, care of Mrs. Shortell,	12 85
Ira A. Kenson, wood for John Durand,	6 57
A. W. Baker, shoes furnished,	12 50
Tim Donovan, care of son,	5 00
J. E. Heald, board of John Dawson,	52 14
Invalids' Home, care of Eunice Hall,	13 55
John Durand, sawing wood,	1 50
John A. Drummer, wood furnished,	5 50
F. K. Hunt, clothing furnished,	7 00
Faulkner & Colony, rent of house to John Ryan,	54 00
S. O. Gates, board and lodging of tramps,	53 55
Hiram Blake, rent of house for Mrs. Mason and Hornberger,	35 53
E. R. Locke, board and lodging of transients,	33 75
H. D. Mason,	5 00
M. A. Gleason, goods furnished,	3 88
C. N. Holman, milk,	1 98
F. O. Nims, meat furnished,	1 97
Mrs. H. Leahy, support of self,	2 00
G. N. Bartlett, board of Benj. Clark,	2 00
Georgiana Gillson, care of Mrs. Priest,	14 00
S. P. Bowker, team to Richmond,	2 50
H. Giffin, coal for Mrs. Frame,	75
F. C. Hardy, goods furnished,	70
A. H. Hamblett, milk furnished,	10 01
Wm. G. Hall, goods furnished,	2 50
Wm. P. Chamberlain, goods furnished,	10 72
Griswold & Wilbur, meat furnished,	3 50
Bullard & Foster, medicines,	1 70

J. R. Beal & Co., clothing furnished,	\$29 08
Peter McNamara, sawing wood,	4 50
Ladd & Nims, board of transients,	23 35
Chase & Richards, clothing furnished,	7 25
Ira E. Comstock, wood for H. D. Mason,	6 00
Noyes Robertson, milk furnished,	5 67
J. F. & F. H. Whitcomb, clothing furnished,	9 00
Sylvester Spaulding, boots and shoes,	20 65
O. Seward, moving Mrs. Hornberger,	4 50
Sawyer & Woodcock, board of transients,	9 50
N. G. Woodbury & Co., wood,	2 50
Fisher & Jackson, coffin for K. Tyler,	10 00
Louis White, board of Gayner and wife,	2 00
Samuel Priest, care of Mrs. Shehan,	1 50
L. P. Page, drawing wood,	2 50
C. A. Seward, care of G. W. Seward,	2 71
Mrs. S. A. Seaver, care of S. Jodro,	14 00
Joseph Thurston, wood for Frank Gibson,	5 85
M. J. Sherman, food for transients,	18 00
Luther Stone, sawing wood for Mrs. Mahar,	1 50
James O'Rourke, rent of house to L. L. Hubbard,	10 00
P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	67 25
John Rutherford, care of Don Cameron,	40 00
Mary Shortell, care of self,	25 90
S. E. Wyman, care of Richard Blake,	155 97
Nahum Wright, care of Alanson Bingham,	52 89
Contingent fund, railroad fares, etc.,	63 58
Moses Ellis, rent of land to Mrs. Shortell,	20 00
John Ellis, care of self,	52 13
Eda Davis, care of Mrs. Sawin,	65 17
Keziah Billings, care of self,	78 14
Sylvia Snow, care of self,	53 16
Charlotte Huestis, care of self,	39 07
Davis, Wright & Co., wood and work,	14 50
Woodbury & Howard, coffin furnished,	10 00

\$2,694 94

Received from the county,	\$2,453 08
Claims pending,	167 57
Claims left over from 1884, disputed,	74 29
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	\$2,694 94

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Charles Abbott, material and labor,	\$57 50
M. Armstrong, labor,	2 23
Joseph Bowen, labor,	27 00
James Bingland, labor,	27 00
H. H. Barker, labor self and horses,	540 86
Beaver Mills, grain and lumber,	338 81
C. W. Buckminster, breaking roads,	1 30
D. A. Brown, work on highways,	4 00
M. C. Bemis, filing saws,	2 85
P. F. Babbidge, surveying, etc.,	25 50
Charles Bridgman, oil, salt, etc.,	3 08
Cheshire Railroad Co., freight on knife for road machine,	39
C. G. Crane, poles furnished,	13 00
Michael Cornell, labor on highways,	233 94
E. A. Crown, labor as driver of the "bays,"	371 00
John Coffee, labor,	18 00
W. K. Church, repairing picks and drills,	13 35
H. W. Clapp & Co., 3 catch basins,	18 45
Joseph Chase, gravel furnished,	12 72
Andrew Clark, labor,	5 25
Irvin Curtis, labor and material,	24 15
Cheshire Provident Institution, gravel fur- nished,	28 80
Dort & Chandler, sundries,	1 65
Dennis Donovan, labor,	2 62
S. W. Dart, 22,228 feet of lumber,	216 72
John Durand, labor,	61 12
Robert Doyle, labor,	171 36

Jerry Donovan, labor,	\$12 00
Patrick Driscoll, labor,	18 00
John Drury, labor,	404 00
Patrick Dolan, labor,	69 37
John E. Dow, labor,	112 87
Eames & Towne, hay furnished,	9 54
Moses Ellis, material,	68 34
A. A. Edson, labor,	5 40
G. G. Elwell, hay,	23 48
H. O. Estey, labor,	12 25
E. W. Evleth, support of watering trough,	6 00
John M. Farnum, hay and grain,	46 28
John Flynn, labor,	12 00
Thomas Foley, labor,	23 25
Charles M. Foster, plowing sidewalks,	13 30
O. H. Fay, labor,	7 90
E. S. Foster, shingles and labor,	53 72
Alonzo Green, 853 loads sand,	68 24
Anthony Gero, labor,	314 50
N. G. Gurnsey & Sons, sand furnished,	19 25
Daniel Gilbo, labor,	143 91
Rufus S. Graves, work team and self,	10 00
Edward Griffin, labor,	18 00
Michael Gorman,	88 12
Thomas Grimes, repairs on road,	6 00
A. H. Grimes, sundries furnished,	1 00
John E. Heald, labor of self and horses,	331 62
Henry Houghton, labor of self and team,	1 75
L. L. Hathorn, labor,	2 50
A. H. Hamblet, 4000 feet plank,	40 00
William Higgins, labor,	79 12
John Higgins, labor,	9 10
David Higgins, labor,	21 75
John Hannon, labor,	27 00
Geo. E. Holbrook & Co., salt, oil, etc.,	2 24
Harkness & Keith, painting seats in park,	8 00
Jehiel Harlow, making and repairing road scraper,	15 45

Young Jones, shoeing horses,	\$22 42
J. J. Kennedy & Co., sharpening pick and drills,	8 10
F. E. Keyes, powder, fuse, etc.,	8 37
Knowlton & Stone, shovels, picks, bars, nails, etc.,	86 70
Keene Furniture Co., material furnished,	1 15
D. C. King, labor,	8 37
Josiah Kingsbury, plowing sidewalks,	15 00
John Kent, labor,	1 75
Thomas F. Leahy, painting signs,	17 00
James R. Livermore, paid men on highway,	283 23
James R. Livermore, salary as Superintendent,	137 50
James R. Livermore, storing tools,	21 00
C. H. Mason, driving the "grays,"	133 50
Peter McNamara, work,	6 00
Larry Monehan, work,	33 00
Thomas McNamara, work,	19 50
Thomas Madden, work,	29 25
J. E. Moore, work,	9 50
Laton Martin, scraping sidewalks,	18 00
William Nurse, labor,	1 75
Elmer A. Nims, paid labor highway,	257 86
Elmer A. Nims, salary for nine months,	412 50
Nims, Whitney & Co., sawing and planing lumber,	16 35
George A. Nims, labor of self and team,	474 25
F. W. Nims, labor of self and team,	203 04
H. W. Nims, labor and material for bridge,	16 50
F. C. Nims, labor,	2 25
H. M. Nims, labor self and horses,	50 03
Samuel Nims, cash paid express,	80
Daniel O'Keefe, labor,	218 99
Thomas O'Connor, labor,	16 50
William O'Marra, labor,	33 00
Michael O'Marra, labor,	1 50
James O'Rourke, sharpening drills and picks,	8 60
Pratt & Fletcher, scraping sidewalks,	21 17
Christopher Patten, Jr., labor,	20 25

D. B. Piper, filing saws,	\$ 90
George Pickett, labor,	6 00
Joseph Palmer, labor,	197 62
H. C. Paine, labor,	40 47
Christian Pressler, labor, etc.,	4 00
Patrick Quinlan, labor,	13 50
William Reed, sand furnished,	14 40
Isaac Rand, sand furnished,	7 52
N. Robertson, scraping sidewalks,	23 87
Reuben Ray, repairing tools, etc.,	28 00
James Reason, labor,	303 10
Patrick Ryan, labor,	206 85
T. T. Russell, work self and horses,	414 84
Geo. H. Randall, plowing out roads,	5 00
E. G. Randall, plowing roads,	15 25
Spencer & Co., hardware,	4 50
D. B. Stearns, work self and team,	29 50
W. B. Scripture, breaking out and repairing roads,	6 75
Stoddard Lumber Co., lumber and other material,	70 30
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, powder and fuse,	28 67
Daniel Sullivan, labor,	22 50
Sawyer & Burnham, work and lumber,	20 00
Arba Stearns, breaking roads, etc.,	5 00
W. W. Stone, breaking roads,	15 90
James H. Smith, labor and material,	8 69
Isaac Shaney, labor,	4 50
Sylvester Spaulding, material,	6 50
C. N. Tottingham, boxing wheels,	5 00
John Tierny, labor,	35 25
John Trask, labor,	16 50
Wilkinson & McGregor, supplies for horses,	5 15
Frank E. Washburn, labor,	74 99
A. J. Williams, plowing roads,	1 25
Wm. Winn, labor,	200 23
George Wyman, work on roads,	6 00
S. E. Wyman, breaking roads, etc.,	4 75

Alanson Wilder, railing poles furnished,	\$20 00
F. O. Wright, breaking roads,	2 00
N. G. Woodbury, 231 loads sand,	16 15
Nahum Wright, labor,	1 25
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	\$8,835 33
Amount of appropriation left over, 1884, \$335 05	
Amount of appropriation for 1885,	7,500 00
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	\$7,835 05
Amount expended by highway department outside of regular appropriation,	\$1,818 20
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	\$9,653 25
Balance left over December 1, 1885,	\$817 92

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

S. P. Bowker, horses furnished fires,	\$47 50
H. Giffin, coal,	19 76
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	8 86
J. D. Dunbar, horses furnished fires,	22 60
W. B. Fitch & Co., wood furnished,	49 60
E. D. Hulett, painting,	1 00
Norman Denio, repairing,	6 00
D. D. Kepple, labor and material,	46 72
Sawyer & Burnham, labor and material on houses,	55 49
G. H. Tilden & Co., supplies,	3 00
F. E. Keyes, oil, etc.,	3 68
Boston Belting Co., section hose and couplings,	16 70
Davis, Wright & Co., labor and material,	74 07
J. T. Armstrong, labor and material,	3 53
J. R. Livermore, care of horses,	10 00
G. G. Elwell, wood,	19 50
Reuben Ray, repairing engine and hose carts,	207 60

G. W. Russell, repairing, etc.,	\$6 00
F. M. Davis, services as Steward,	25 00
Manchester Locomotive Works, repairs,	8 00
J. D. Colony & Sons, printing,	6 50
E. O. Keith, plumbing engine houses,	100 34
Keene Gas Company, gas furnished,	96 60
Fisher & Jackson, lettering sign,	6 00
Humphrey Machine Co., labor and material,	22 47
Nims, Whitney & Co., material and repairs,	36 68
S. S. Wilkinson, repairs, harnesses and hose,	120 15
G. G. Dort & Co., sponges, etc.,	8 65
W. P. Chamberlain, sundries,	1 58
Underhill Tool Co., axes,	3 69
American Fire Hose Co., 500 feet new hose and 12 rubber coats,	400 00
John B. Massey, salary,	8 75
W. A. Barrett, brick furnished,	10 50
D. S. Willard, trucking,	1 00
Cheshire R. R. Co., freight,	1 65
Geo. H. Craig, setting glass,	10 85
O. H. Thayer, repair of hose houses,	17 63
Darling & Kimball, printing,	3 50
S. L. Babcock, splicing ropes,	1 25
H. W. Harvey, salary as Engineer,	25 00
W. H. Reyoum, " " "	25 00
C. L. Kingsbury, " " "	25 00
H. H. Barker, " " "	25 00
J. A. Batchelder, " " "	25 00
G. D. Wheelock, salary as Chief Engineer,	30 00
U. S. & C. Express,	2 75
B. & K. Express,	25
Geo. E. Holbrook, refreshments furnished at fires,	38 83
J. S. Steele & Co., repairing, etc.,	14 50
F. E. Sylvester, type writing, plans, etc.,	2 00
John Drury, labor,	4 00
Ansel Morse, hay for packing hydrants,	8 05
Sidney Comstock, painting,	3 00

C. L. Kingsbury, use of barn for horses,	\$26 00	
H. W. Hubbard, repairs,	2 60	
Spencer & Co., coal, etc.,	99 14	
Phœnix Hose Co., to paid Comstock for kal- soming,	11 00	
F. N. Wood, salary as Steward and extra duty,	38 75	
Harkness & Keith, painting,	9 75	
A. L. & J. E. Harkness, painting,	1 00	
C. H. Butler, labor on hose houses,	18 25	
F. R. Smith, salary as Steward and extra duty,	18 00	
F. W. Towne, salary as Steward and extra duty,	20 00	
J. E. Dow, telegraphing,	49	
E. A. Crown, Sunday duty,	22 00	
F. P. Gaynor, salary,	10 00	
O. P. Applin, repairs in engine house,	2 50	
W. C. Ford, salary,	11 25	
Laton Martin, horse furnished for fires,	33 00	
H. P. Muchmore, coal,	97 41	
O. Dickinson & Co., wood,	1 75	
C. Calahan, shut-off nozzles and pipe,	58 00	
M. J. Sherman, to setting glass in cash store,	2 00	
John Carpenter, making cushion for Phœnix,	5 00	
Dort & Chandler, material furnished,	3 00	
Pay roll of Steamer Company,	455 00	
Pay roll of Deluge,	300 00	
Pay roll of Phœnix,	268 75	
Pay roll of Hook and Ladder,	278 75	
Daniel Sullivan, salary,	2 50	
G. D. Wheelock, paid express,	25	
		\$3,510 92
Balance left over,	\$328 32	
Appropriated, 1885,	3,300 00	
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	\$3,628 32	
Balance on hand,	\$117 40	

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

James R. Livermore, duty as police,	\$34 00
J. W. Cummings, " "	46 85
C. W. Peasley, " "	102 00
Amasa Plastridge, " "	96 00
S. O. Gates, salary as Marshal, etc.,	217 80
George H. Kellogg, salary as night watch,	547 00
E. R. Locke, salary as Marshal,	513 50
J. H. Spofford, police duty,	12 00
W. H. Reyoun, " "	41 00
E. E. Dean, " "	13 00
Ira D. Gates, " "	7 00
C. K. Pemberton, " "	6 00
H. H. Haines, witness fees,	77
J. T. Armstrong,	70
Keene Gas Company, gas,	42 90
Henry Giffin, coal furnished,	16 76
David Russell, teams furnished,	9 75
C. A. Twitchell, police badges,	12 00
J. P. Lovell & Sons, dark lantern,	3 00
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	40
Dort & Chandler, medicines and disinfectants,	70
N. E. Telephone Company, messages,	1 40
W. P. Chamberlain, bed quilt,	2 50
Ladd & Nims, food furnished transient,	2 40
A. G. Grimes, hacking,	1 50
Woodbury & Howard,	8 00
A. H. Grimes, matches and brooms,	64

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Appropriation left over, Dec. 1, 1884,	\$61 63
Appropriation for 1885,	2,000 00
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	\$2,061 63
Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1885,	\$322 06

WATER WORKS.

Darling & Kimball, printing,	\$1 25
Sentinel Printing Company, printing,	45 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., books and stationery,	10 76
G. H. Tilden & Co., books and paper,	21 00
Drainage Construction Co., furnished repairs,	54
Robert Doyle, labor,	4 50
Patrick Ryan, "	2 82
P. O'Niel, "	10 07
James Reason, "	3 86
John Drury, "	1 00
Frank Washburn, "	6 08
M. Cornell, "	8 55
Larry Monehan, "	5 25
Peter McNamara, "	6 00
Richard Beglin, "	4 20
Anthony Gero, "	3 20
James Bierne, "	5 25
William Winn, "	8 25
Patrick Dolan, "	5 25
Patrick Quinlan, "	1 05
John Coffee, "	1 50
Morris Burns, "	1 25
Dennis Donovan, "	2 35
Charles Bridgman, oil,	90
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	38 30
N. G. Gurnsey, salary,	15 00
John Humphrey, "	15 00
E. S. Foster, "	15 00
D. H. Holbrook, adm'r, surveying,	210 90
H. S. Martin, rebate,	3 00
J. M. Hyland, "	1 00
F. W. Nims, "	2 00
A. R. Foster, "	1 00
Charles Shrigley, "	40
Young Jones, "	3 00
H. S. Couillard, "	2 00
J. H. Spalter, "	1 60

H. M. Darling, rebate,	\$1 12
G. H. Tilden, "	83
A. A. Woodward, "	3 20
Hiram Stowell, "	1 50
J. R. Power, "	1 67
W. J. Lovejoy, "	40
J. B. Elliot, "	1 00
Lanmon Nims, "	2 20
Horatio Colony, "	50
J. H. Elliot, "	1 00
H. H. Darling, "	50
Mrs. R. J. Holt, "	1 00
G. H. Richards, "	1 67
G. T. Drew, "	20
B. D. Hutchins, "	2 00
James Marsh, "	50
Mrs. J. J. Allen, "	50
Wm. Whipple, "	3 20
Byron Harris, "	1 00
Barney Gilbo, "	3 20
W. P. Abbott, "	5 00
Calvin Hastings, "	1 67
C. L. Russell, "	3 00
A. B. Dennison, "	40
A. R. Mansfield, "	1 05
Charles Wright, "	2 50
E. M. White, "	1 00
A. Baker, "	67
S. Randall, "	3 50
Charles Russell, "	67
E. Merriam, "	1 00
L. J. Tuttle, "	2 00
R. Hyland, "	50
Oren Woods, "	1 00
W. P. Carr, "	3 00
Silas Spear, "	1 00
Z. K. Graves, "	2 00
American Express Co., express,	75

Conn. River R. R., freight,	\$2 46
David Willard, trucking,	50
D. H. Sawyer, salary, etc.,	645 41
H. C. Paine, labor,	83 75
Keene Gas Co., gas for office,	8 70
Moses Ellis, castings,	42 80
David Russell, use of team,	71 63
E. O. Keith, labor and material,	37 21
J. T. Armstrong, labor and material,	7 96
Armstrong Bros., labor and material,	7 33
M. Armstrong, labor and material,	6 17
J. G. Warreh, water pipe furnished,	2 03
Davis, Wright & Co., labor and material,	10 91
Humphrey Machine Co., labor and material,	115 70
Nims, Whitney & Co., labor and material,	15 02
Reuben Ray, labor and material,	5 05
Robert Page, labor,	40
D. C. King, labor,	26 18
Keene Furniture Co., labor and material for	
hydrant boxes,	28 04
Spencer & Co., hardware,	5 84
D. D. Kepple, labor, etc.,	3 00
Sawyer & Burnham,	74
J. & F. French, sundries,	84
H. W. Hubbard, labor, etc.,	1 90
Chapman Valve Co., material,	20 49
Davis & Farnum Mfg Co., material,	21 52
Jarecki, Hays & Co., material,	47 34
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	\$1,744 90

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

D. H. Sawyer, salary, etc.,	\$383 65
D. C. King, labor,	10 94
H. C. Paine, labor,	131 26
John Johnson, labor,	6 45
C. A. Britton, labor,	5 00

M. Armstrong, labor.	\$0 75
C. Bridgman, sundries.	30
David Russell, teams furnished.	14 57
A. P. French, surveying.	3 50
Leonard Wright, inspecting new sewers.	50 00
R. Hyland, inspecting new sewers.	50 00
Reuben Ray, labor.	1 00
Sawyer & Burnham.	1 50
Knowlton & Stone.	2 00
Wilkinson & McGregor, repairing and material.	12 00
John Coffee, labor.	1 03
Spencer & Co., hardware.	04 00
E. O. Keith, labor and material.	3 00
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STREET LIGHTS.

GASOLINE.

Globe Gas Light Co., gasoline and lighting for year.	\$720 00
Globe Gas Light Co., paid for glass.	18 00
Cheshire R. R. Co., freight on posts.	1 40
Boston and Keene Express.	02
Knowlton & Stone, glass.	1 00
	<hr/> \$742 40

GAS.

Keene Gas Light Co., gas for street lamps.	\$355 80
D. D. Kepple, labor connecting lamps.	55 00
J. T. Armstrong, material for repairs.	2 45
Davis, Wright & Co., repairs of lanterns.	4 50
Nathaniel Tufts, lamp posts.	74 00
Cheshire R. R. Co., freight on lamp posts.	2 85
	<hr/> \$494 60
	<hr/> \$1237 00

Balance appropriation last year,	\$174 29
Appropriation, 1885,	1,800 00
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	\$1,974 29

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1. Balance assignment, 1884,	\$2,621 39
District No. 2. Special assignment to fill deficiency caused by over-certification in 1884,	\$134 46
District No. 5. Special assignment to fill deficiency caused by over-certification in 1884,	55 14
District No. 6. Special assignment to fill deficiency caused by over-certification in 1884,	60 83
District No. 7. Special assignment to fill deficiency caused by over-certification in 1884,	69 43
District No. 8. Special assignment to fill deficiency caused by over-certification in 1884,	75 10
District No. 9. Special assignment to fill deficiency caused by over-certification in 1884,	46 37
District No. 10. Special assignment to fill deficiency caused by over-certification in 1884,	192 09
District No. 11. Special assignment to fill deficiency caused by over-certification in 1884,	35 14
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	\$668 56

Assigned by law and raised in 1885.

Paid.

District No. 1,	\$12,257 35	\$10,000 00
" 2,	382 14	275 00
" 3,	204 33	120 00
" 4,	155 84	155 84
" 5,	188 17	140 00
" 6,	139 68	101 00
" 7,	115 43	30 00
" 8,	139 68	139 68
" 9,	172 00.	108 85
" 10,	614 12	445 00
" 11,	147 76	147 76

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A. G. Grimes, hacking,	\$1 25
W. H. Spalter & Co., books,	110 90
G. H. Tilden & Co., books,	83 49
Charles Bridgman, brooms, etc.,	1 38
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	\$197 02
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	\$15,150 10

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Publishers' Weekly, Library Journal,	\$15 00
Patent office, Index of Patents,	10 00
Charles Scribner's Sons, 2 vols., Ency. Brita.,	12 00
Statistical Atlas,	28 50
Warren S. Taft, History of Richmond,	2 75
J. B. Elliot, 1 book of poems,	1 75
Hamilton Child, Gazetteer, etc.,	5 50
J. H. Hickox, government catalogue,	2 00
Cleaves, Macdonald & Co., books,	442 11
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	\$519 61
Balance in treasury, 1884,	\$169 91
Amount appropriated, 1885,	500 00
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	\$669 91
Amount now in treasury,	\$150 30

PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPENSE.

Mrs. L. M. Converse, Librarian, salary for 13 months,	\$325 00
Miss Z. B. Gilmore, Assistant Librarian,	46 90
H. Purcell, repairs,	18 00
Keene Gas Light Co.,	42 30
E. J. C. Gilbert, work on catalogues,	3 30
W. H. Spalter & Co., sundries furnished,	14 40

Keene Furniture Co., shellacing shelves.	\$2 50	
C. F. Gilbert, rebinding books,	41 25	
W. P. Chamberlain, paid Mrs. McLaughlin for cleaning.	5 25	
Baker Bros., wrapping paper.	9 52	
Sentinel Printing Co., printing cards, questions and slips,	2 00	
G. H. Tilden & Co., sundries furnished,	33 78	
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		\$544 20
Balance in treasury, 1884,	\$377 93	
Amount appropriated, 1885,	500 00	
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	\$877 93	
Amount now in treasury,	\$333 73	

STEAMER HOUSE.

Sawyer & Burnham, in part,	\$2,200 00	
W. P. Wentworth, architect,	50 00	
Alonzo Green, gravel,	8 00	
Sentinel Printing Co., printing proposals,	5 50	
E. A. Nims, labor,	17 67	
W. P. Wentworth, balance,	39 00	
Sawyer & Burnham, balance,	1,825 00	
D. D. Kepple, plumbing,	33 48	
E. D. Hulett, painting,	35 80	
E. O. Keith, labor and materials.	13 10	
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, furnishing,	94 71	
Davis, Wright & Co., labor and material,	75 66	
E. S. Foster, labor and material,	97 68	
E. Gustine & Co., concrete walk,	126 75	
Woodbury & Howard, furniture,	34 50	
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	52 65	
F. W. Nims, hauling stone,	68 70	
Highway department, horses and men furnished,	57 75	
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		\$4,829 95

STEAMER HOUSE EXTENSION.

Orren Black, laying stone,	\$7 00
F. W. Nims, hauling stone,	17 52
H. M. Nims, hauling stone,	40 00
Sylvanus Holman, laying stone,	50 00
H. E. Hubbard, brick work,	300 00
H. M. Nims, self and team,	7 75
H. E. Hubbard, brick work,	100 00
C. Pressler, stone work,	50 10
P. Kilgariff, cleaning brick,	1 87
W. A. Barrett, brick furnished,	368 16
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	\$942 40

WATER WORKS EXTENSION.

M. Armstrong, material and labor,	\$8 75
Labor account for July,	95 24
Jaracki, Hays & Co., supplies,	135 44
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	19 17
E. O. Keith, labor and material,	55 21
Labor account for August,	17 62
“ “ September,	28 04
Nims, Whitney & Co., hydrant box,	2 70
Labor account for October,	32 75
Labor on Spring street,	64 65
E. O. Keith, labor and material, Spring street and Spring Street court,	17 20
H. W. Hubbard, Gilsum road extension,	60
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	\$477 37

NEW SEWERS.

A. P. French, surveying,	\$1 50
H. C. Paine, labor,	2 25
Leary Monehan, labor,	6 47
P. O'Neil, labor,	5 25

A. Gero, labor,	\$ 30	
D. Russell, teams,	2 30	
Davis & Farnum Mfg. Co., supplies,	2 25	
Labor account for August,	24 30	
R. Ray, repairs,	1 05	
Labor account for October,	3 57	
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NEW VAULT.

H. E. Hubbard, brick work,	\$122 59	
P. O'Finnegin, clearing brick,	60	
E. G. Randall, trucking,	2 00	
D. S. Willard, trucking,	2 25	
W. A. Barrett, brick furnished,	93 75	
E. S. Foster, carpenter work,	82 00	
Cheshire Railroad, iron rails for foundation and work on same,	129 92	
E. O. Keith, labor and material,	22 16	
Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, iron doors,	75 00	
John Flynn, stone work,	1 10	
Harkness & Keith, painting,	17 86	
D. D. Kepple, gas fixture,	1 95	
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BEAVER MILLS DRAIN.

H. C. Paine, labor,	\$11 00	
C. A. Hyland, surveying,	17 00	
Knowlton & Stone, drain pipe,	897 95	
R. Hyland, surveying,	12 00	
T. T. Russell, self and team,	5 67	
C. L. Russell, brick furnished,	5 40	
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PEARL STREET DRAIN.

C. A. Hyland, surveying,	\$28 00
Knowlton & Stone,	582 90
Keene Water Works, material,	19 24
R. Hyland, surveying,	16 00
T. T. Russell, self and team,	10 00
Stoddard Lumber Co., plank,	57 21
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	\$713 35

WARREN DRAIN.

Knowlton & Stone, drain pipe,	\$185 91
R. Hyland, surveying,	4 00
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	\$189 91

STEAMER HORSES.

C. L. Kingsbury, use of barn,	\$8 00
D. C. Howard, gray mare,	277 65
E. A. Nims, cart for gray mare,	65 00
Wilkinson & McGregor,	48 10
G. W. Russell, set of wheels,	31 00
S. Spaulding, gray horse,	235 00
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	\$664 75

STEAMER COMPANY.

For amount voted as per joint resolution,	\$150 00
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	\$170 00

HIGHWAY LAYOUTS.

Simeon Gould, land damage,	\$500 00
Byron Harris, land damage,	200 00

Union School District, land damage,	\$1,300 00
J. B. Elliot, land damage,	1 00
A. P. French, surveying Appian way,	2 50
R. W. Pratt, land damage, East Washington st.,	1 00
C. A. Hyland, surveying East Washington st.,	2 00
R. Hyland, surveying East Washington st.,	4 00
Ossian Mansfield, land damage, Sullivan st.,	8 00
E. Knight, labor on Sullivan street,	2 00
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	\$2,020 50

NEW SCHOOL HOUSES.

Union School District,	\$2,000 00
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ELECTRIC FIRE ALARM.

M. Perault, key boxes and express,	\$1 40
H. W. Hubbard, labor on boxes,	5 35
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., materials for batteries,	14 08
For amount voted as per joint resolution to tele- phone company as per contract,	600 00
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	\$620 83

SIMMONS FUND.

Julia A. Brown,	\$15 00
Mrs. S. W. Raymond,	15 00
J. A. Metcalf,	15 00
Ann Cummings,	10 25
Charlotte Heustis,	10 25
Keziah Billings,	10 25
Jane Tufts,	10 25
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	\$86 00

MINISTERIAL FUND.

Albert Walkley,	\$47 85	
W. H. Eaton,	47 85	
H. S. Thompson,	47 85	
J. R. Power,	47 85	
J. C. Rice, selling timber,	3 00	
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		\$194 40
Amount of interest,	\$194 40	
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MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount voted as per joint resolution,	\$175 00
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IRON FENCE AROUND SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

Amount voted as per joint resolution,	\$75 00
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SWANZEY PAUPER.

M. V. B. Clark, groceries furnished,	\$9 00
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PERAMBULATION OF TOWN LINES.

A. P. French, surveying,	\$12 00	
S. F. Merrill, running lines,	56 28	
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		\$68 28
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VACCINATING.

G. H. Bridgman, M. D., vaccinating 132 people,	
35 cents,	\$46 20

ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY.

A. P. French, surveying,	\$42 12	
J. D. Dunbar, teams,	12 50	
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COUNTY TAX.

Amount paid,	\$9,460 60
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RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Literary fund,	\$680 96
Insurance tax,	359 25
Railroad tax,	4,835 80
Savings Bank tax,	12,291 17
H. Kimball, received from L. C. Doolittle for over-certification of school orders,	600 00
J. R. Livermore, sand sold,	1 10
S. O. Gates, lodgings at police station,	28 25
J. B. Abbott, police court fines,	17 00
E. Farrar, police court fines,	270 05
W. L. Davis, county paupers,	2,466 08
D. H. Sawyer, sewer department,	465 00
D. H. Sawyer, water rents,	5,123 55
S. O. Gates, water rents,	5,435 55
L. P. Alden, taxes, 1884,	13,666 20
S. O. Gates, taxes, 1885,	51,500 00
E. O. Keith, City Hall rents,	1,512 00
Samuel Nims, store rents,	1,296 82
“ licenses,	253 54
“ drawback on freight,	1 74
“ sand sold,	22 45
“ refunded from G. G. Elwell,	5 00
“ woodchuck bounties,	15 80
L. C. Doolittle, woodchuck bounties,	31 20
L. M. Converse, library fines and catalogues,	65 74
Interest on daily balances,	176 81
New Hampshire bond coupons,	132 00
George H. Nims, timber on ministerial lot,	321 67
Elmer A. Nims, labor for fire department,	57 75
Transferred from dog fund,	479 00
Transferred from Hibbard legacy,	125 00

	\$102,236 49
Balance in treasury Dec. 1, 1884,	46,994 22
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	\$149,230 71

EXPENDITURES.

Ordinary city charges,	\$6,119 13
City paupers,	2,971 63
County paupers,	2,694 94
Highways and bridges,	8,835 33
Fire department,	3,510 92
Police department,	1,739 57
Water Works,	1,744 90
Street lamps.	1,999 82
Sewers,	703 28
Schools,	15,150 10
Public library,	519 61
Public library expenses,	544 20
Steamer house,	4,829 95
Steamer house extension,	942 40
Water Works extension,	477 37
Sewers, new,	49 24
New vault,	551 18
Beaver Mills drain,	949 02
Pearl street drain,	713 35
Warren drain,	189 91
Steamer horses,	664 75
Steamer Company,	170 00
Highway layouts,	2,020 50
School houses, new,	2,000 00
Electric fire alarm,	620 83
Simmons fund,	86 00
Ministerial fund,	194 40
Memorial day,	175 00
Iron fence around soldiers' monument,	75 00
Swanzy pauper,	9 00
Perambulation of town lines,	68 28
Vaccination,	46 20
Additional water supply,	54 62
County tax,	9,460 60
State tax,	13,660 00
Cheshire Provident Institution, water loan sinking fund,	10,000 00

Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, water loan sinking fund,	\$10,000 00
Cheshire Provident Institution, ministerial fund,	1,595 00
Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, ministerial fund,	1,595 00
Water bonds, due July 1, 1885,	9,500 00
Interest on water bonds,	6,833 00
Deposited at Boston to pay coupons,	9,200 00
Ashuelot National bank, interest,	86 83
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	\$133,350 86
Less 60 orders outstanding and unpaid,	1,496 88
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	\$131,853 98
Balance in treasury, Dec. 5, 1885,	17,376 73
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	\$149,230 71

INDEBTEDNESS.

WATER BONDS.

Due.	Rate of interest.	Amount due.
1885, July 1,	6 per cent.	\$1,000
1887, January 1,	"	4,000
1887, July 1,	"	7,500
1888, July 1,	"	500
1889, January 1,	"	21,700
1890, July 1,	"	11,300
1892, January 1,	"	4,000
1892, July 1,	"	9,000
1893, July 1,	"	5,500
1896, October 1,	"	10,000
1899, January 1,	5 per cent.	35,000

 \$109,500

RAILROAD GRATUITY BONDS.

1894, July 1,	4 per cent.	\$15,000.
1895, "	"	15,000
1896, "	"	15,000
1897, "	"	15,000
1898, "	"	15,000
1899, "	"	15,000
1900, "	"	15,000
1901, "	"	15,000
1902, "	"	15,000
1903, "	"	15,000
1904, "	"	10,000

 \$160,000

SEWERAGE BONDS.

1905, July 1,	4 per cent.	\$15,000
1906, "	"	15,000
1907, "	"	15,000
1908, "	"	15,000
1909, "	"	10,000

 \$70,000

Total bonded city debt,

 \$339,500

ASSETS DECEMBER 5, 1885.

State bonds,	\$2,200 00
Due from Collector of taxes, 1884,	314 43
Due from Collector of taxes, 1885,	21,271 83
Due from water rates,	589 46
Water loan sinking fund,	20,000 00
Interest on sinking fund,	543 74
Balance in treasury December 5, 1885,	17,379 73
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	\$62,296 19

TRUST FUNDS.

IN CARE OF CITY TREASURER.

HIBBARD LEGACY, \$1000.—Invested in two \$500 6 per cent. Iowa Loan and Trust Co. debentures. Income used in taking care of Salma Hale lot in cemetery, balance for schools.

CHARLES FAULKNER LEGACY, \$2500.—Invested in one \$1000 Keene water bond, two \$500 Keene water bond, one \$500 town of Hinsdale bond. Income used in improving and ornamenting Woodland cemetery.

IN THE CITY TREASURY.

SIMMONS FUND, \$1000.—Deposited in the Cheshire Provident Institution and Keene Five Cents Savings Bank. Given by David Simmons. Interest for the benefit of "aged and infirm women residents of Keene."

MINISTERIAL FUND, \$3190.—Deposited in the Cheshire Provident Institution and Keene Five Cents Savings Bank. Derived from sale of wood on "ministerial lot." Interest divided annually among the clergymen of Keene.

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CITY.

City water works,	\$150,000 00
City Hall building and new vault,	35,500 00
Furniture in same,	1,000 00
Fire department,	11,000 00
Land and buildings, Vernon street,	7,000 00
City pasture,	2,000 00
Water works stock and tools,	1,136 38
Highway tools and horses,	2,000 00
City Marshal's office,	200 00
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	\$209,836 38

We have examined the City Treasurer's and City Clerk's books, and find that all the payments therein recorded are correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

December 21, 1885.

A. T. BATCHELDER,
C. T. BUFFUM,
JOHN GOULD,
S. SPAULDING,

Committee on Finance.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1886.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene:

The Finance Committee present the following estimates of the amount of money necessary to be raised the ensuing year, and respectfully recommend that \$30,000 of the amount be raised by taxation and the balance be paid from the balance now in the treasury:

Ordinary city charges,	\$6,000 00
City paupers,	2,500 00
Highways and bridges,	7,500 00
Public sewers, new,	500 00
Fire department,	2,500 00
Police,	2,000 00
Lighting streets,	2,000 00
Public library,	500 00
Support of public library,	500 00
Memorial services,	150 00
Interest on sewer loan,	2,800 00
Interest on M. & K. R. R. gratuity bonds,	6,400 00
Payment of water bonds,	10,000 00
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	\$43,350 00

1885.

Valuation of the city, \$5,849,292 00

Tax assessed for the year, 72,910 08

Rate of taxation \$1.10 per \$100; .12 per \$100 additional for Union School District.

POLLS, VALUATION AND TAXES ASSESSED FROM
1874 TO 1885 INCLUSIVE.

Year.	No. Polls.	Valuation.	Taxes.
1874,	1919	\$4,298,386 00	\$61,065 27
1875,	1789	4,676,117 00	67,354 78
1876,	1813	5,737,350 00	72,341 30
1877,	1842	4,852,664 00	75,961 25
1878,	1815	5,366,918 00	75,639 77
1879,	1717	5,981,876 00	62,521 84
1880,	1802	5,757,752 00	60,758 19
1881,	1842	5,671,628 00	70,601 40
1882,	1900	5,849,418 00	67,430 85
1883,	1908	5,936,182 00	73,909 11
1884,	1795	5,922,043 00	72,281 96
1885,	1869	5,849,292 00	72,910 08

HIGHWAYS.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

I herewith submit the following report as to the condition of the highways, bridges and drains for the municipal year ending December 1, 1885 :

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY ON HAND.

2 pair horses,	\$1,112 65
3 harnesses,	75 00
8 blankets,	20 00
2 new carts,	150 00
1 sled,	40 00
1 large roller,	300 00
1 small roller,	15 00
1 Champion road scraper,	175 00
1 Benefactor road scraper,	25 00
3 small scrapers,	10 00
2 plows,	5 00
2 snow plows,	25 00
15 shovels,	5 00
8 picks,	4 00
5 iron bars,	5 00
5 large and 2 small hammers,	4 00
2 large drills and stone tools,	4 00
2 saws and 2 augers,	2 00
1 wheelbarrow,	2 00
Miscellaneous highway tools,	4 00
Small lot drain tile,	15 00
2500 feet plank,	22 50
City pasture,	2,000 00
Total,	\$4,020 15

Since the time of making the usual spring repairs, the highways have been in excellent condition, the season having been unusually favorable.

The following extra repairs have been made :

The bridge across the Branch at "Woodward's mills" has been rebuilt almost entire, and the same may be said of the bridge near South Keene. The bridge over the Ashuelot at the factory has been re-planked. The remaining bridges and sluices have been put in fair order.

About 1300 loads of river gravel have been put upon the streets during the season, also about 1800 loads of rotten stone have been placed upon the sidewalks, taken from the city property on Beech hill.

Substantial improvements have been added to the sidewalks on Vernon and Court streets.

There has been no casualties reported, caused by defects in the highway, during the year that have been in the leastwise serious.

The following labor has been performed by the highway department, outside of the repair account, viz :

About 1350 feet of the old town drain extending from French's carriage shop on Railroad street to Beaver brook has been rebuilt, 18-inch drain tile having been laid at an expense of about \$1300, a work delayed so long that its condition became obnoxious to people living in that vicinity.

A drain has also been laid from the Ashuelot river west in the direction of the tannery about 1500 feet to drain off the waste from the tannery. Its cost was about \$1400 for labor and material. It works very nicely and abates a nuisance too long complained of.

The drain in rear of J. G. Warren's property has been rebuilt and put in excellent condition, considering the situation.

CITY PASTURE.

The receipts for use of the city pasture have been \$137. The fences have been repaired without cost to the city for material.

I have performed labor in addition to amount taken from highway account amounting to \$1,441.70, to wit : For Steamer and Hose companies, \$55 ; on Appian way, East Washington street and Sullivan street, \$321.50 ; total, \$1818.20.

I have sold material and performed labor amounting to \$90.20 outside of the highway department. I have deposited with the City Treasurer \$80.20 ; uncollected \$10.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. NIMS,

Superintendent Highways.

KEENE WATER WORKS

AND

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

To the City Councils:

We herewith transmit the report of the Superintendent of Water Works and Sewers, which shows the financial transactions, etc., for the year ending December 1, 1885.

While we are pleased to note an increase of nearly \$600 in the net income of the water works, careful observations of the standing of the water at Sylvan lake plainly indicates that the increased consumption has reached and probably passed the safe limit of the present supply, as the depletion of the reservoir, notwithstanding the abundant rainfall of the past season, has been nearly as great as it was during the very dry season of 1884, and considerably in excess of former years, which shows the importance of early action to obtain an auxilliary supply. The general condition of the water works and sewers is good, and their working has been quite advantageous and satisfactory, we think, to all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. FOSTER,

J. HUMPHREY,

N. G. GURNSEY,

Water Commissioners.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Water Commissioners :

Gentlemen,—In compliance with the ordinances of the city I hereby submit my report as Superintendent of Keene Water Works and Sewer Department for the year ending December 1, 1885 :

WATER WORKS.

SERVICE PIPES.

Reported December 1, 1884,	1,050
Additions in 1885,	51
Whole number December 1, 1885,	1,101

ASSESSMENTS.

Uncollected as per report December 1, 1884,	\$235 13
Thirty-first assessment, December 1, 1884,	6,654 68
Thirty-second assessment, June 1, 1885,	7,802 24
Total,	\$14,692 05

DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS.

	Discount.	Abatement.
On assessments prior to 31st,		\$53 39
“ No. 31,	\$1,279 64	17 12
“ No. 32,	1,398 74	30 50
	\$2,678 38	\$101 01
		\$2,779 39

COLLECTIONS.

On assessments prior to 31st, by Supt.,	\$162 09
“ No. 31, by Supt.,	<u>\$4,799 92</u>
	\$4,962 01
On assessments prior to 31st, by Collector,	\$6 04
“ No. 31, by Collector,	356 00
“ No. 32, by Collector,	<u>5,999 15</u>
	\$6,361 19

UNPAID BALANCES.

On assessments prior to 31st,	\$13 61
“ No. 31,	203 87
“ No. 32,	<u>373 85</u>
	\$589 46
Total,	<u>\$14,692 05</u>

CASH ACCOUNT.

Water rents collected by Supt. to June 1,	
1885,	\$4,962 01
Received for tappings by Supt.,	71 33
Received for stock sold by Supt.,	<u>90 21</u>
	\$5,123 55
Water rents collected by Collector to Dec. 1, 1885,	<u>6,361 19</u>
Total receipts,	\$11,484 74
Deposited with City Treasurer by Supt.,	\$5,123 55
“ “ “ by Collector,	<u>6,361 19</u>
	\$11,484 74

Of this sum \$102.50 has been refunded by orders on Treasurer for errors or changes in assessments.

EARNINGS.

31st assessment,	\$6,654 68
32d “	<u>7,802 24</u>

Received from tappings,	71 33
Ice from reservoir,	120 00
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	\$14,648 25
Less discounts for advance payments,	\$2,678 38
Abated as uncollectable or erroneous,	101 01
Refunded by orders on Treasurer,	102 50
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	\$2,881 89
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Total,	\$11,766 36

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Salary D. H. Sawyer (including two months in 1884), Superintendent,	\$611 20
Salary E. S. Foster, Commissioner,	15 00
" John Humphrey, "	15 00
" N. G. Gurnsey, "	15 00
Sentinel Printing Co., books and printing,	45 00
Darling & Kimball, printing,	1 25
Geo. H. Tilden & Co., books,	12 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., paper and envelopes, etc.,	9 51
Keene Gas Light Co.,	7 50
Postage stamps and postals,	26 76
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	\$785 22

ON REPAIRS.

Amount of bills for labor and material on repairs,	\$353 79
From stock on hand,	28 06
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	\$381 85
Total amount on repairs and current expenses,	\$1,140 07
Net earnings,	\$10,626 29

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

WATER STREET EXTENSION.

212 feet of 2-inch wrought iron pipe,	} \$87 36
One 1 2-inch valve,	

GILSUM ROAD EXTENSION.

330 feet of 4-inch cast iron pipe,	}	\$467 64
4 " 6-inch " "		
830 " 2-inch wrought iron pipe,		
One 4-inch valve,		
One 2-inch "		
One 1½-inch blow-off,		
One hydrant,		

EAST WASHINGTON EXTENSION.

348 feet of 2-inch wrought iron pipe,	}	82 53
One 2-inch valve,		

SPRING STREET EXTENSION.

290 feet of 4-inch cast iron pipe,	165 67
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SPRING COURT EXTENSION.

440 feet of 2-inch wrought iron pipe,	}	96 02
One 2-inch valve,		
New hydrant, Court street,		45 27

SURVEY AND PLANS.

John J. Holbrook estate,	210 90
Geo. H. Tilden & Co., binding plans,	9 00
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Total expenditures in 1885,	\$1,164 39
Amount as per account, 1884,	\$167,467 54
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Making construction account, Dec. 1, 1885,	\$168,631 93

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Paid Jarecki, Hays & Co., stop boxes,	\$49 80
" Knowlton & Stone, hemp cord,	17 45
" " 4 shovels,	3 41
" Davis & Farnum Mfg. Co., 2 6x4 cast iron tees,	8 64
Value of stock reported Dec. 1, 1884,	1,348 29
" tools " "	111 35
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	\$1,538 94

Received of city for 12 feet of 12-inch cast iron pipe,	\$19 24
Received of city for old iron and cement pipe,	8 07
“ “ 45 extension stop boxes,	62 90
Used from stock on extensions,	284 29
Used from stock on repairs and depreciation on tools,	28 06
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	\$402 56

ON HAND.

84 feet of 12-inch cast iron pipe,	\$134 63
96 “ 10 “ “	119 21
76 “ 8 “ “	70 04
756 “ 6 “ “	517 71
10 “ 4 “ “	4 00
70 “ 4-inch wrought iron pipe,	42 00
22 “ 3 “ “	6 60
38 “ 2 “ “	4 94
Lot of cement pipe,	7 00
5 2-inch connection valves,	40 00
2 2 “ hydrant valves,	8 00
1 1¼-inch “ “	2 00
7 ¾-inch stop cocks,	3 00
5 No. 2 extension stop boxes,	6 80
1 No. 3 “ “	1 46
2 6x4 inch cast iron tees,	8 64
1 brass wire screen,	7 50
5 hydrant screws,	22 50
Lot of hemp cord,	20 00
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	\$1,026 03

TOOLS.

Office furniture,	\$45 00
2 pumps,	4 00
2 pairs of tongs, 1 pair snips,	8 00
14 shovels, 11 picks,	10 00
2 brush hooks,	2 00
3 hammers and pails,	3 50

2 lanterns and wrenches,	\$12 50
1 jack screw and hand axe,	3 35
1 furnace,	3 00
1 wheelbarrow,	6 00
Rubber boots and mittens,	3 00
Lot of miscellaneous articles,	10 00
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	\$110 35
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	\$1,538 94

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

Number of connections Dec. 1, 1884,	204
Number of connections since Dec. 1, 1884,	89
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Total Dec. 1, 1885,	293

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for permits,	\$465 00
“ deposited in city treasury to balance,	465 00

EXPENDITURES.

Materials and labor on repairs,	\$199 78
Salary of Supt. (including 5 months in 1884),	380 47
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Total current expenses,	\$580 15

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

136 feet of 6-inch, Court and Prospect streets,	\$50 05
150 feet of 6-inch, Forest street,	49 53
R. Hyland, labor, testing sewers,	50 00
L. Wright, labor, testing sewers,	50 00
A. P. French, labor on plans,	7 00
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	\$206 58
Cost of construction as per former reports,	80,172 10
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Total construction account to date,	\$80,378 68

The superintendence and repairs on the water and sewer departments the past season has been as faithfully performed as the limited facilities for doing the same would permit. As accidents do occur at midnight and during stormy weather that need immediate attention, I believe the best interest of the department requires that the Superintendent should have one skilled laborer that he can call upon (if needed) any hour of the day or night, and not be obliged to travel from Beech hill to West Mountain and then accept such help as chance may present. I hope that some action may be taken that will furnish the Superintendent with reliable assistance, so that he can do the duties of the office in a thorough and business like manner.

The water supply at the present time is about an average as compared with the past five years. The reservoir on Beech hill is full. At Sylvan lake we have ten feet of water at the gate house.

I am pleased to again report the operations of the new sewers to be satisfactory. There has been but one stoppage in the main pipes the past year, which occurred on Elliot street. The pipe was found to be full of quicksand. The obstruction was removed and a clean-out added to facilitate its removal, should it again occur.

The flush tanks have been reliable with the exception of an occasional stopping of the water supply caused by the clogging of fixtures which is remedied by frequent examination. I have not been able to devote as much time to the making of sewer connections as I should like to have done, but think as a rule the work has been well performed.

D. H. SAWYER,
Superintendent.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

To his Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with the requirements of the city ordinances, I would respectfully submit the following statements relative to the condition of the fire department:

MEMBERSHIP.

The department consists of six engineers and eighty firemen.

HOUSES.

The houses remain the same as last year, with the addition of a very fine brick house, barn and shed for the accommodation of the Steamer and Hose company, and the horses and tools belonging to the city.

APPARATUS.

The condition of the apparatus remains the same as last year with the addition of a new hook and ladder truck for the use of the two Bangor extension ladders, and the replacing of the poles in the Phoenix and Deluge hose carts with shafts and whiffletrees.

SUPPLIES.

We have this year purchased 500 feet of cotton fabric hose for the use of the hose companies, and I would again recommend that all our leather hose be replaced by cotton fabric hose as fast as practicable.

UNIFORMS.

The department is well uniformed.

FIRE ALARM.

We have this year added to our system the Stevens electric fire alarm telegraph, with five boxes, one striker, three gongs, and I would recommend that a striker be put on the City Hall bell, and a gong be placed in the Deluge hose house as soon as possible, and I would also recommend that more boxes be added to the system.

The following are the alarms for the past year :

January 13, 4.45 p. m., alarm at Keene steamer house. No fire; no loss.

March 3, 3 p. m., Geo. Wood's house, Taylor street. Loss estimated at \$800; insurance received, \$480.

March 24, 1 p. m., James Donahue's house, Grove street, chimney. No loss.

June 12, 1 a. m., E. A. Renouf's house, Roxbury st. Loss \$1200; insurance received, \$1200.

July 3, 1.30 p. m., Mr. Calef's barn, Washington street. No loss.

August 5, 7.30 p. m, chimney on Grove street. No loss.

August 22, 3.50 p. m., Can company, Mechanic street, dry house. Loss \$200; insurance received, \$200.

November 3, 10.30 p. m., false alarm, High street.

December 13, 6.15 p. m., false alarm, Marlboro' street.

Total amount of loss from January 1, 1885, to December 17, \$2200. Insurance received for losses, \$1880.

DISCIPLINE.

The discipline of the department is good.

For detailed report of expenses see Finance Committee's report.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

Steamer and hose carriage,	\$4,600 00
Hand engine at Woodbury's,	500 00
Hand engine at South Keene,	500 00
Deluge hose carriage,	800 00
Phoenix hose carriage,	650 00
4 jumpers,	300 00
2 hook and ladder trucks, etc.,	1,100 00

3 hose sleighs,	\$75 00
Cotton hose,	1,725 00
Leather hose,	1,000 00
Fire alarms,	700 00
Engineers' lanterns,	21 00
Six hydrant gates,	45 00
One Y coupling,	65 00
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	\$12,081 00

And in conclusion allow me to thank his Honor the Mayor and the Committee on Fire Department, and in fact the whole city government, for the many favors received, and I heartily acknowledge the co-operation of my Assistant Engineers and the cordial and energetic manner in which the firemen have performed their duties.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

Location of boxes and instructions to firemen and officers.
Approved Nov. 10, 1885.

LOCATION OF BOXES.

Box 9, Central Square, corner Roxbury street.

Box 16, Main street, corner Marlboro' street.

Box 23, Roxbury street, corner Beech street.

Box 32, Elm street, corner High street.

Box 42, School Street, corner West street.

Each box when pulled strikes its number on all the bells in the circuit and repeats five rounds if properly pulled in. Whenever a box alarm is sounded, firemen will proceed *directly to the box pulled in*, unless sooner ascertaining the exact location of the fire.

SIGNALS.

1. The Engineers reserve the right to the Superintendent to strike one blow upon the bells at any time, to test the circuit; also to ring in *one round* from any box, preceded by a single blow, exactly five minutes after the noon stroke, on Mondays, for the purpose of testing the boxes.

2. Two blows struck upon the bells after a fire alarm is a signal to "limber up," and recalls all firemen and apparatus to the engine houses unless specially detailed for duty.

3. In case of a serious fire the Engineers may cause a second or third alarm to be sounded from the nearest box, said alarm to be followed by three blows to distinguish it from a first alarm.

TELEPHONE SIGNALS.

An adjustable alarm box has been provided in the central telephone office, by which alarms sent in by telephone may be immediately sounded on the fire alarm bells.

All telephone alarms will begin with the number six (1-1-1-1-1-1), followed by the number of the ward from which the alarm comes, thus :

- 61 signals a Telephone alarm from Ward 1.
- 62 signals a Telephone alarm from Ward 2.
- 63 signals a Telephone alarm from Ward 3.
- 64 signals a Telephone alarm from Ward 4.
- 65 signals a Telephone alarm from Ward 5.
- 67 signals a Telephone alarm from South Keene.
- 68 signals a Telephone alarm from West Keene.

Firemen should endeavor to ascertain the location of the fire upon leaving their engine houses, or soon after, when a *telephone* alarm is sounded.

A telephone alarm cannot, like a box alarm, show the exact point to which the firemen should proceed, and judgment must therefore be used to ascertain where the fire is.

GENERAL RULES.

Firemen, as well as citizens, should familiarize themselves with the following rules for giving alarms of fire :

- 1. Never pull a box for a fire seen at a distance.
- 2. Never pull a box while the alarm bells are ringing, nor until a box has completed its five (5) rounds. Two boxes cannot operate together and neither will work if two are pulled at the same time. Never pull two alarms or two boxes for the same fire. The engineers will sound second alarms if necessary.
- 3. To ring in an alarm, break the glass in the key box and open the alarm box door with the key. Pull down the brass

crank seen inside till it stops, then let go. Then let the box alone. The clock work will be seen or heard to be running, and the alarm will follow in half a minute or so. Close the box and remove the key.

4. Remember that the firemen will come directly to the box which has been pulled. See that they are directed to the fire, if necessary.

TELEPHONE ALARMS.

Do not send a telephone alarm if there is an alarm box within reasonable distance. Box alarms are always the surest and best. Telephones can seldom be used during thunder showers; the boxes can always be used.

To send in a telephone alarm, call the central office. Tell the operator slowly first the ward, then the street and house where the fire is situated. The operator will repeat, "Fire, Ward so and so, such street or house." Answer, "All right," if you are correctly understood. If the fire is in South Keene or West Keene, give that fact instead of the ward number. The operator will then leave the telephone and sound the alarm.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE D. WHEELLOCK,

Chief Engineer.

Keene, December 1, 1885.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report:

Dr.

To balance of unexpended appropriations,	\$169 91
“ appropriations for 1885,	500 00
“ received of Librarian for catalogues,	17 65
“ “ “ “ “ fines,	52 10
Total,	\$739 66

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By amount expended for books,	\$519 61
“ “ “ “ binding and repair- ing books,	79 16
By cash paid City Treasurer for catalogues and fines,	69 75
Unexpended balance Dec. 1, 1885,	71 19
Total,	\$739 66
Number of new books purchased the present year,	388
“ gifts,	67
“ books lost,	0
“ books discarded,	29
“ volumes in the library Dec. 1, 1885,	5,937
“ volumes issued from Dec. 1, 1884 to Dec. 1, 1885,	22,752
Number of cards issued,	270
“ books covered,	5,979
Largest number taken in one month (Jan.),	2,652
Largest number taken in one day (Feb. 14),	234

The following statement shows the percentage, very nearly, of the different classes of books read during the present year :

Fiction,	64.0
History,	16.0
Biography and travel,	12.0
Useful and fine arts,	2.8
Natural science,	2.0
Poetry,	1.5
Theology,	1.0
Philosophy,	.7

As the demand for fiction is so great the book committee have endeavored to place the best works of the most approved authors upon the shelves of our library. The parents and guardians must be responsible for the number and selection of the books read by our boys and girls.

Nothing of special note has occurred in connection with our public library during the past year, except the munificent bequest of our late honored citizen, John Symonds. After making provision for his family during their lives, he disposes of the residue of his property as follows :

“ To build a public library building and purchase land therefor, and to provide books and reading matter, and to take care of the same ; and this fund may be used in connection with any city appropriation for the same purpose, and to pay for and establish on said building, or some other in the city, a set of chime bells:”

WM. P. CHAMBERLAIN.

MRS. M. R. OSBORNE.

D. W. GILBERT.

CHARLES H. HERSEY.

E. J. C. GILBERT.

KATE L. TILDEN.

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK.

To the Honorable City Councils:

I beg leave to present herewith my receipts for the municipal year ending December 1, 1885:

Received of Wadsworth & Wright, store rent,	\$400 00
“ “ heating,	50 00
“ “ water rent,	7 20
“ A. H. Grimes, store rent,	400 00
“ “ heating,	50 00
“ “ water rent,	7 20
“ C. W. Wyman, store rent,	350 00
“ “ heating,	25 00
“ “ water rent,	7 42
“ Bounty on woodchucks,	15 80
“ G. G. Elwell, refunded,	5 00
“ Circus licenses,	60 00
“ Buffalo Bill,	10 00
“ Dr. Solomon,	30 00
“ Street license,	1 50
“ Drawback on freight,	1 74
“ Sand sold to Union School District,	22 45
“ Billiard licenses,	152 04

\$1,595 35

Deposited with the Treasurer,

\$1,595 35

SAMUEL NIMS,

City Clerk.

REPORT OF THE CITY MESSENGER.

To the Honorable City Councils:

I have the honor to submit my report as City Messenger from December 1, 1884, to December 1, 1885:

RECEIVED FOR RENT OF CITY HALL.

For the month of December,	\$128 00
“ “ January,	63 00
“ “ February,	172 00
“ “ March,	166 00
“ “ April,	135 00
“ “ May,	110 00
“ “ June,	80 00
“ “ July,	12 00
“ “ August,	10 00
“ “ September,	76 00
“ “ October,	260 00
“ “ November,	300 00
Total for the year,	\$1,512 00
Paid City Treasurer,	\$1,512 00

Yours respectfully,

E. O. KEITH,
City Messenger.

Keene, December 1, 1885.

REPORT OF THE CITY MARSHAL.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor of presenting for your consideration, a portion of the doings, and general condition of the police department for the financial year ending November 30, 1885:

The department is composed of a force of twelve men. The working force has been the City Marshal, who is required to be on duty at all times, and one officer detailed as night watchman; the services of special officers being called as occasion seemed to require.

Whole number of arrests has been:

Males,	129
Females,	8
Total,	137

Offences for which arrests have been made comprise:

Assault,	1
Assault on officer,	1
Breaking and entering,	1
Brawl and tumult,	1
Breaking down fences,	3
Drunkenness,	118
Gambling,	3
Larceny,	2
Lewd and lascivious conduct,	1
Pickpockets,	2
Selling liquor,	4
Total,	137

Number of persons applying for and accommodated with food and lodging at the station house has been:

Males,	141
Females,	16
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Total,	157

By order of the Mayor all persons arrested have been brought before the police court and punished according to law. You will notice by comparison that the number of arrests has been materially less than for several years past, a fact which I think is largely due to the enforcement of the above order.

But although fewer arrests have been made the labors and miscellaneous duties of the officers seem to have increased, and I think the time is not far distant when an increase of the force will be required.

Under this head the following is but a portion of the duties they have attended to :

Disturbances suppressed,	54
Buildings found open at night and secured,	12
Stray teams found and cared for,	4
Lights left burning and reported,	14
Parties notified to remove snow from buildings,	21
Fire alarms given,	3
Nuisances reported,	10
Nuisances suppressed,	4
Number of dogs killed,	3
Value of goods found exposed and returned,	\$40 00
Value of stolen property recovered,	64 00

In conclusion I would say that harmony exists among the members of the force, and for their hearty co-operation and support they have my heartfelt thanks, and although our police force is not large, I believe it will compare favorably with the best.

To His Honor the Mayor I am under great obligations for his counsel, suggestions and personal favors. Also to the Board of Aldermen, Common Council and members of the various departments of the city government, for their courtesy and kindness extended to me during the year.

In the discharge of the duties of City Marshal, I have endeavored to dispose of all matters brought to my notice in a faithful and impartial manner, so as to have no one accuse me of favoritism

or neglect of duty. How well I have succeeded I leave to the impartial judgment of your honorable board.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. LOCKE,

City Marshal.

Keene, December 1, 1885.

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

To the City Councils:

I respectfully submit the following report:

Keene vs. Lucius C. Doolittle et al. In January six suits were commenced against L. C. Doolittle and his sureties to recover damages for an alleged breach of the condition of his several bonds as City Clerk. These causes were entered at the April term of court and continued as a matter of course to the October term, when they were referred to Hon. H. W. Parker of Claremont. No hearing has yet been had.

Union School District vs. Keene. Union School District vs. Batchelder et al. The first action was an appeal from the action of the Mayor and Aldermen in laying out a highway between Main street and Madison court. This case was heard on a motion to dismiss.

The second action was a petition for an injunction restraining the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the city of Keene from interfering with, removing or taking down the Main street school house and other buildings on the Main street school house lot and from disturbing the lot in the construction of said highway. This case was tried on its merits at the October term of court.

Both actions were tried together. The court dismissed the appeal and denied the petition. The plaintiff has excepted and it is expected that the causes will be taken to the law term of the Supreme Court.

Cheshire County vs. Keene. Appeal from the assessment of damages in widening Centre street. This case was entered at the April term of court and is still pending.

Stephen Randall vs. Keene. Appeal from the action of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen refusing to lay out a highway from Water Street court to Marlborough street. Dismissed on motion at the October term of court.

By order of the City Marshal 132 persons have been prosecuted before the police court for minor offences.

JOHN T. ABBOTT,

Solicitor.

Keene, December 1. 1885.

REPORT OF THE JUSTICE OF POLICE COURT.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The Justice of the Police Court submits the following report for the year ending December 1, 1885:

Number of civil actions entered, 32; arraignments, 180, for the following causes:

Embezzlement,	1
Murder,	1
Attempting to set fire,	1
Setting fires unlawfully,	2
Obtaining money on false pretenses,	1
Obstructing officers,	2
Forgery,	2
Adultery,	2
Cruelty to children,	2
Practicing medicine without license,	2
Cruelty to animals,	3
Burglary,	1
Larceny,	2
Assault,	9
Assault with intent to commit rape,	1
Violating liquor law,	6
Violating fish law,	1
Malicious mischief,	3
Making brawl and tumult,	1
Indecent conduct,	2
Violating tramp law,	1
Being itinerant merchant without license,	1
Being vagabond,	2
Being common drunkard,	1
Being drunk,	126

On complaints to find sureties of the peace,	3
Jugglery,	1

The cases were disposed of as follows :

Persons sentenced to pay fines,	118
“ “ “ to house of correction,	26
“ “ held to answer at Supreme Court,	21
“ “ not prosecuted to judgment,	12
“ “ discharged on trial,	3

In one case there was an appeal to Supreme Court.

Amount of fines imposed by Justice,	\$336 05
“ “ “ Special Justice,	34 00
“ “ paid to Justice for city,	270 05
“ “ “ “ for prosecution, half,	25 00
“ “ “ Special Justice for city,	17 00
“ “ “ “ “ for Humane society,	10 00

Number of persons who paid fines,	100
“ “ committed for nonpayment,	17
“ “ appealing from sentence,	1
“ civil cases entered before Justice,	31
“ “ “ “ Special Justice,	1

E. FARRAR, Justice.

Keene, December 1, 1885.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

To the Honorable City Councils :

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit my report as Overseer of the Poor for the year ending December 1, 1885 :

The following amounts have been expended under my direction for the benefit of the parties named :

CITY POOR.

Mrs. Ann Mahar is allowed \$5 per month and wood and some clothing,	\$107 84
Mrs. Betsey Ballou, medical attendance,	8 00
Mrs. Amos Howard, board paid,	81 04
Mrs. Catharine Tyler, died April 7, bill for coffin has not been collected,	93 79
Mrs. Patrick O'Brien,	126 45
Mrs. Jerry Donovan, 2d,	113 46
Mrs. Oliver C. Graves, house rent,	42 00
Mrs. S. W. Raymond,	9 77
Mrs. John Donovan,	84 88
Edward Ballou,	446 00
John Barnet,	112 76
Geo. Casey, had leg cut off on railroad, for board and care,	107 13
Geo. Casey, Dr. Twitchell for attendance,	74 00
Lizzie Pierce, N. H. Insane Asylum,	237 99
Ann Gerould, " "	209 52
Mrs. Abby Crossfield, " "	208 95
Harvey Ballou, " "	169 13
Harvey Ballou, expenses to asylum and return,	27 32
W. H. Cross, " "	15 00
W. H. Cross, expenses at asylum,	73 79
David Langdon, State Industrial School,	78 00

W. H. Pettis, N. H. Insane Asylum,	\$126 11
Amos Foster,	6 75
Geo. H. Carroll,	4 50
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Total,	\$2,564 17

COUNTY POOR.

Mary Mitchell,	\$92 43
Eliza Bates,	85 77
Frank Gibson, need no more assistance,	82 17
Johanna Sheehan,	113 67
James Murray,	102 57
John Buckley, claim of \$109.07 now pending continued to next term of court,	88 88
Charlotte Heustis, allowed 75 cents per week in money,	39 00
Kate Donovan,	152 98
Mary Donovan, has not been assisted since April last, need no more,	50 99
Timothy Donovan, left town April last,	64 00
Welcome Leonard,	4 02
Mary Shortell,	63 00
Mrs. C. D. Pierce,	20 30
Gabriel Rock, furnished wood only,	15 50
John Ellis, allowed \$1 per week in money,	52 14
Mrs. Daniel Hornberger,	56 87
Richard Blake,	156 86
Keziah Billings, allowed \$1.50 per week in money,	78 14
Sylvia Snow, now at Invalid's Home,	53 16
Geo. W. Seward,	7 71
H. D. Mason, not assisted since May last,	87 71
James Foley,	52 40
Ann Cummings,	49 58
Isabella Sawin,	65 07
Louis Gonyou, left town May last,	47 08
James Corey,	22 75
Samuel Priest,	5 00
George Clasby,	54 50

Mrs. John Reed,	\$97 94
Mrs. Mary Marcott,	29 65
Joseph Palmer,	8 25
John Durand,	80 47
Mrs. John Phillips,	44 00
John Ryan,	127 75
Donald Cameron, house rent,	56 10
Stephen E. Jodry, expense of sickness, no more help needed,	53 88
Transient,	90 24
Honora Leahy,	26 98
Benjamin Clark,	2 00
Alanson Bingham,	65 30
John Driscoll, boy, clothing only,	20 90
L. L. Hubbard,	22 47
Jane Dawson,	52 14
Mary A. Lewis,	22 77
John Frame, left town,	2 88
Mrs. Priest,	16 50
Frank Warner,	5 50
Mrs. Charles Barnes,	15 25
Mrs. Clarissa Truax, died at farm,	5 75
Peter McNamara,	13 50
Dexter D. Ware, will probably be refunded,	13 96
Dennis McCarty,	5 00
John Wight,	9 12
John Daigle,	1 50
Eunice Hall, died at Invalid's Home,	23 55
Martin Payne,	25 75

\$2,703 35

These amounts do not include salary, incidentals and other bills contracted by others than the overseer. For those amounts you are referred to the report of the City Clerk.

There are now at the New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane, supported by the city, Mrs. Abby Crossfield, Ann Gerould and Lizzie Pierce, and W. H. Pettis, in part. The first three named will probably continue a city charge while they live. Harvey

Ballou and Wm. H. Cross have been under treatment at the asylum and have been discharged, having recovered. Mr. Ballou is in feeble health and will require assistance for some time to come. Mr. Cross is a young man and will probably refund the amount expended for him.

The following persons and families will probably need help through the coming year: John Donovan, wife and two children; he is unable to labor, lives on Foster street. Mrs. Jerry Donovan, 2d, widow with eight children, all under thirteen years of age. This is a case particularly needing and deserving the attention of the charitable. Her husband was taken sick last winter and after using all their means except a small interest in the house in which they lived, they asked for help in May last, and he died of consumption in October. Honora Leahy, widow, and dependent grandchild. Keziah Billings, Alanson Bingham, Isabella Sawin, John Ellis, Leslie L. Hubbard, wife and one child. These are young people. Mr. Hubbard is in feeble health and they are dependent on charity and the small earnings of the wife. It is hoped that the charitably disposed will not pass by on the other side. Mrs. Mary A. Lewis has three small children, live east of the cemetery; she is a dressmaker and would nearly or quite support her family if she had work. Mrs. John Reed, a widow with four children, does not need as much help as formerly. Mrs. Eliza Bates; Mrs. Ann Maher, widow, one daughter; Ann Cummings; Geo. Clasby has an invalid wife; Mrs. Charlotte Heustis, widow; Mrs. Jane Dawson; Mrs. O. C. Graves has two children; Mary Mitchell, widow; Sylvia Snow, now at Invalids' Home; Richard Blake; Donald Cameron, wife and eight children; John Durand, wife and eight children, some of them ought to be earning more than they have been; Mrs. Amos Howard, widow; John Ryan, a large family; Mrs. Kate Donovan, widow and three children, her husband was killed on the railroad a few years ago, they are very poor and need and deserve more than they receive, especially in clothing; Mrs. Johannah Sheehan, widow and four children, the same can be said of this family as of Mrs. Donovan's; Mrs. Patrick O'Brien, widow and three children, one an invalid; James Murray, old, infirm and partially insane, supported mostly by his wife and daughter; Mrs. Mary

Shortell, widow ; John Barneſ, lives with a daughter at Hinsdale, old and infirm ; Edward Ballou, with L. E. Buffum at Winchester. This is and has been for the past five years a very expensive case to the city and of great suffering to the subject. Knowing that some of our citizens have thought the expense was too large, I have taken pains to get all the information possible and find that Edward Ballou, now about twenty-three years of age, was taken with a spinal disease about five years ago, and since that has been afflicted with many, perhaps not all the ills flesh is heir to, and has been wholly confined to his bed during this time. He is a very bright, intelligent young man, and is deserving all the care he has received. The city is now paying \$1.25 per day for his board and medical attendance.

There are now claims against the county amounting to \$161.47 for the support of John Buckley and James Foley. These families were ordered to the county almshouse by the County Commissioners and were not removed by the former Overseer. They were taken sick shortly afterwards and were assisted until the City Physician reported them able to be moved. No help has been furnished since.

Commending the claims of the poor not only to the attention of your honorable body, but to our citizens at large,

I remain, yours truly,

W. L. DAVIS,

Overseer of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE CITY PHYSICIAN.

To the Honorable City Councils of the City of Keene:

I have made during the past year one hundred and thirty-two visits among the city poor. There have been no births; deaths, five, two of pulmonary consumption, one of injury, one of convulsions and one of old age.

The Overseer of the Poor has been diligent and humane in dispensing for the poor. Many cases have been aided by church societies and private benevolence, yet there is room for more missionary work of this kind.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER C. HILL,
City Physician.

REPORT OF THE HEALTH COMMISSIONERS.

To the Honorable City Councils of the City of Keene:

There has been an unusually large number of complaints entered before the board during the past year. These complaints have all been investigated and remedied in cases where they properly should be, except in a few instances where the parties complained of agreed to comply in a short time with the requirements of the board. Most of the complaints made have been relative to defective sink drainage and neglected cesspools. In all cases of this character we have steadily adhered to the rule of requiring connection with the public sewer wherever the premises were situated within one hundred feet of the sewer.

Number of connections December 1, 1884,	204
“ “ made since December 1, 1884,	89
Total, December 1, 1885,	293

The work of removing all sewage from the old town brook has been steadily going on during the past year. The action of the city government in laying a pipe drain from the rear of J. G. Warren's house through Mrs. Carpenter's yard has greatly aided in clearing the brook of objectionable matter, and there is now practically very little else than surface drainage through that channel.

The discharge of the sewage from Symond's tannery into the Ashuelot river through pipes laid the past summer has removed from that section of the city an aggravated nuisance from which this and former boards of health have had much trouble.

Arrangements are being made in the shops of Nims, Whitney & Co., for a full line of water closets, which will do away with a most pronounced nuisance which has existed for years in the rear of their lumber yard.

It is a pleasure to say that the people generally have been

willing to connect with the sewer and abate nuisances when requested to do so.

While there is yet a sufficient amount of work to be done to make it interesting for our successors, and to make it as it should be within the city limits, still so much has already been done that this city, in our apprehension, in a sanitary point of view, far excels what we might have reasonably expected.

CLARK F. ROWELL,
G. H. BRIDGMAN,
DON H. WOODWARD,
Health Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WOODLAND CEMETERY

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The following is an account of receipts and expenditures of the Superintendent of Woodland Cemetery for the year ending December 16, 1885:

RECEIPTS.

Received for lots,	\$136 25	
“ from Charles Faulkner fund,	137 50	
“ for wood,	4 00	
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		\$277 75
Amount in bank, December 16, 1884,	\$1,026 26	
Interest to October 1, 1885,	48 02	
Deposited in bank,	25 99	
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		\$1,100 27
Remaining in bank December 16, 1885,		\$1,100 27

EXPENDITURES.

Nims, Whitney & Co., water boxes,	\$4 50	
Spencer & Co., tools,	3 70	
Henry Barker, breaking roads,	1 50	
J. T. Armstrong, repairing water pipes,	2 61	
H. O. Spaulding, work cemetery West Keene,	2 00	
J. R. Russell, team work,	6 00	
E. W. Perkins, work Washington street cemetery,	5 00	
James Donahue, labor,	102 31	
Alfred Richardson, labor,	124 14	
Deposited in bank,	25 99	
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		\$277 75

HENRY PURCELL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE CITY COLLECTOR.

REPORT FOR 1884.

To the Honorable City Councils of the City of Keene:

I have the honor to present my second report as City Collector for 1884:

Balance uncollected December 18, 1884,	\$12,973 83
Interest collected,	57 10
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	\$13,030 93
Abated,	\$656 30
Deposited with Treasurer,	12,060 20
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	\$12,716 50
Balance uncollected,	<hr/> \$314 43

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. ALDEN,

Collector.

Keene, December 17, 1885.

REPORT OF THE CITY COLLECTOR.

REPORT OF WATER ASSESSMENTS, 1885.

Amount of water assessments June, 1885,	\$7,802 24
“ previous assessments on books,	627 81
“ additions,	1 67
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Amount,	\$8,431 72
Collected and deposited,	\$6,361 19
Discounts,	1,398 74
Abated 32d assessment,	30 50
Abated 31st assessment and before,	51 83
Water rents uncollected,	589 46
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	\$8,431 72

REPORT OF TAXES, 1883.

Balance uncollected December 13, 1884,	\$700 00
Interest collected,	5 12
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	\$705 12
Abatements 1881 taxes,	\$55 98
“ 1882 “	55 28
“ 1883 “	136 34
Deposited with City Treasurer,	457 52
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	\$705 12

REPORT OF TAXES, 1885.

Amount given to Collector on book,	\$72,910 08
“ abated to date,	\$138 25
“ deposited to December 5,	51,500 00
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	\$51,638 25
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	\$21,271 83
Amount deposited since Dec. 5, 1885,	8,400 00
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Amount uncollected,	\$12,871 83

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL O. GATES, Collector.

Keene, December 21, 1885.

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